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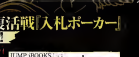
Hazama emerged as the winner of the 4th round, the "Sink-Or-Float Game"!
Those who had lost went back to their respective daily lives, but before long they are invited to the special Consolation Match for losers again.
Now, blanking she failed to save Yuu, who cooperated with her in the 4th round, proclaims her determination to take part in the Consolation match all by herself.
But Akiyama, who previously declared he had quit the game, unexpectedly arrives to the stage of the unceasing showdown where all the participants are gathered!
The game the players have to face in the Consolation Match is "Red Poker"!
This time the game of lies and deception is held in...?!

第5回戦本選出場を賭けた敗者復活戦「人札ポーカー」

週刊ヤングジャンプにて、究極の騙し合い展開中!!



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オオサリスの魚 最終戦記事録 ❶ …… 井田志恵
ヘヘ初しの女神 ❶ …… 稲葉光一へヘー
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たかしとリトルとひなこの秘密 ❶ …… 橋 富士彩
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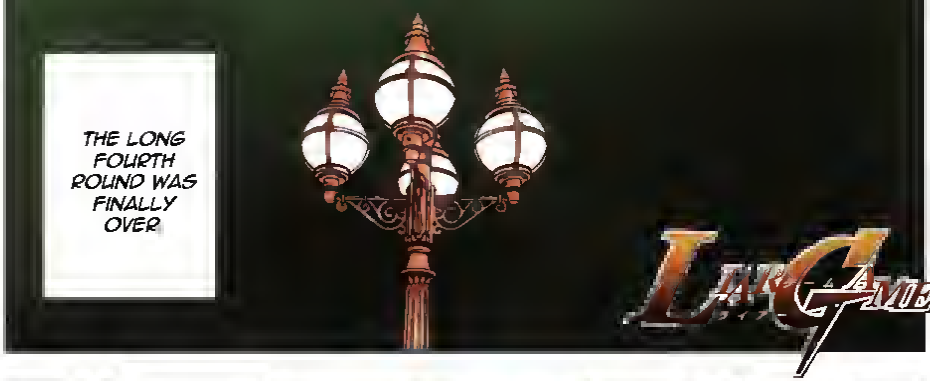
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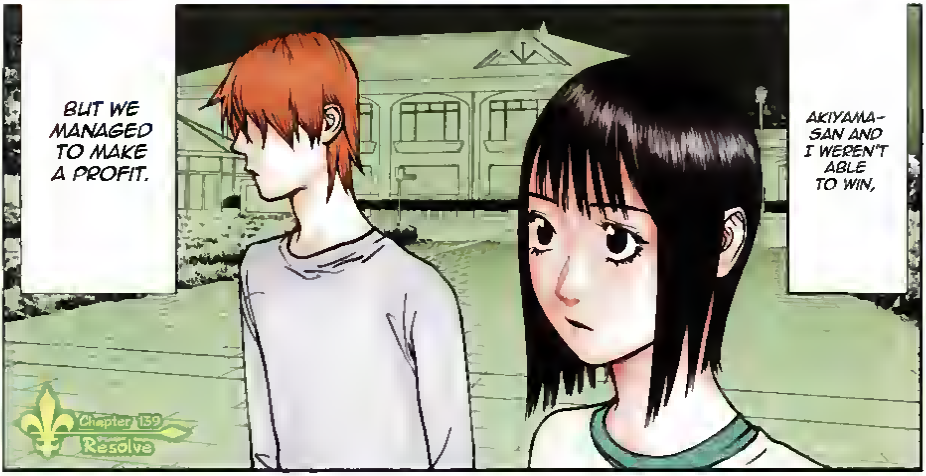
UNEXPEC-TEDLY WON THE ROUND
IKEZAWA-SAN


BUT WE MANAGED TO MAKE A PROFIT.
AKIYAMA-SAN AND I WEREN'T ABLE TO WIN,
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Resolve

THE PEACEFUL DAYS RETURNED ONCE MORE, AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED
AFTER THAT,

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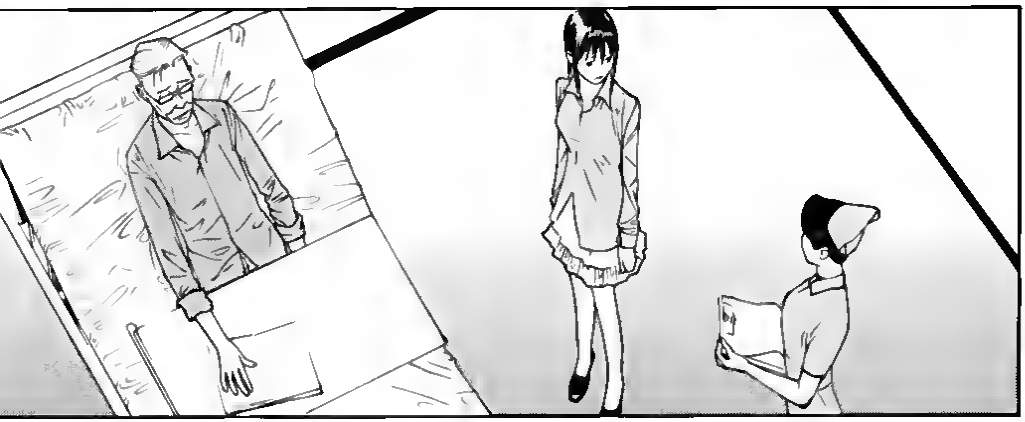
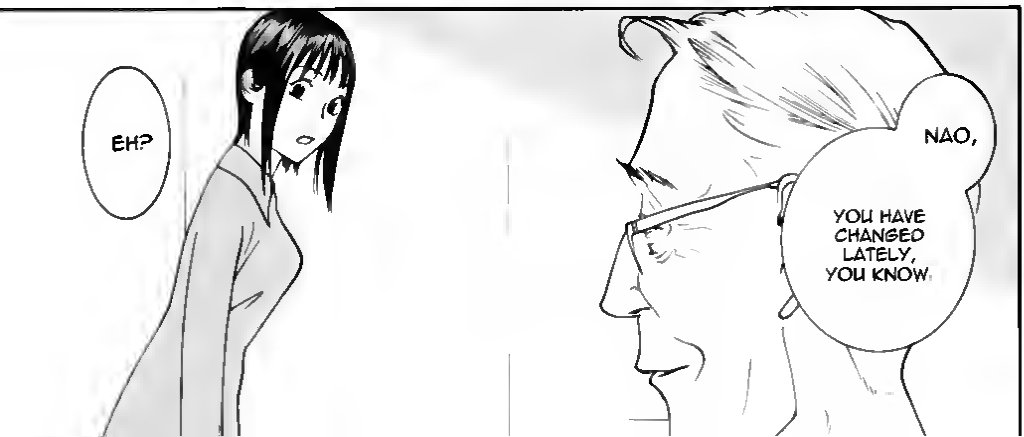
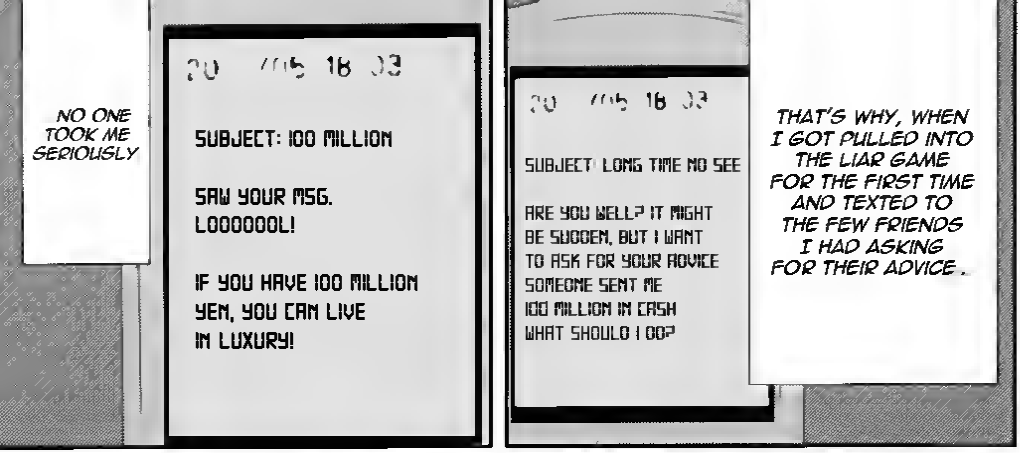
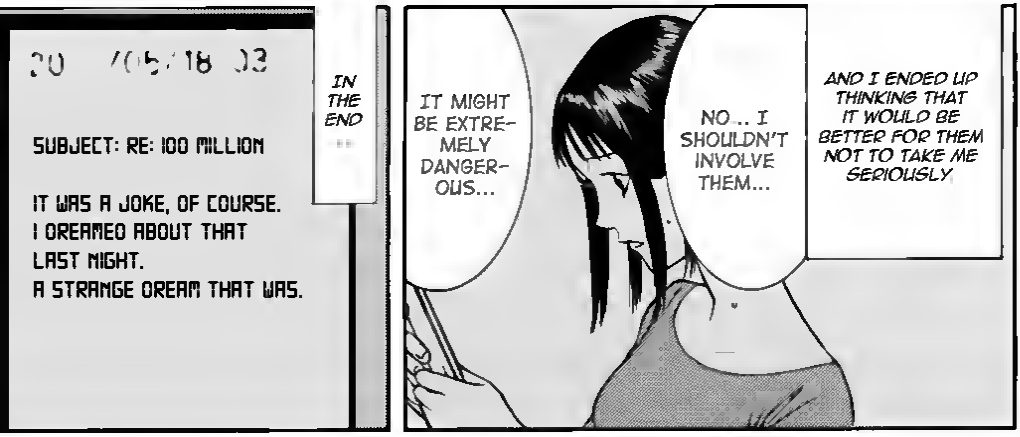
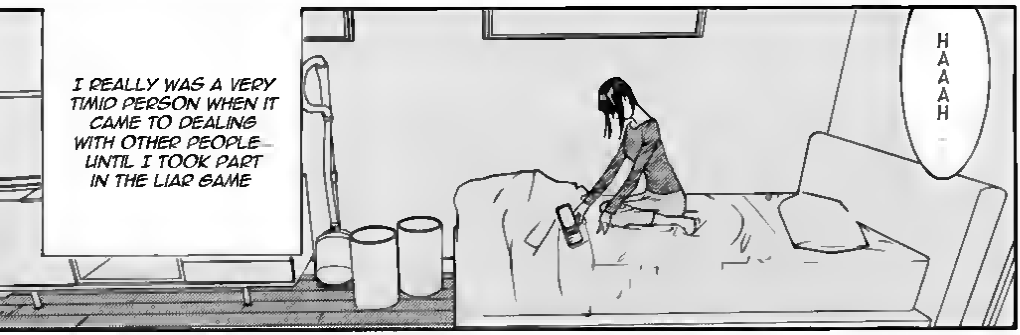



EH?
NAO,
YOU HAVE CHANGED LATELY, YOU KNOW.

YOU NOW LOOK PEOPLE RIGHT IN THE EYES.
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...
YES, MAYBE FATHER IS RIGHT...
OH, REALLY?
SOON, I DEVELOPED A HABIT OF AVOIDING GETTING DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH OTHER PEOPLE
BECAUSE OF MY TIMID DISPOSITION, I WAS NO GOOD AT BEING AROUND PEOPLE TO BEGIN WITH AND HAD NO SPECIAL MERITS TO MAKE UP FOR THAT DRAWBACK, THAT'S WHY I OFTEN WAS BULLIED AND LEFT OUT
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I ALWAYS TRIED TO AVOID MEETING PEOPLE'S EYES DIRECTLY


NO ONE TOOK ME SERIOUSLY
SUBJECT: 100 MILLION
SAW YOUR MSG.
LOOOOOOL!
IF YOU HAVE 100 MILLION YEN, YOU CAN LIVE IN LUXURY!
SUBJECT: LONG TIME NO SEE
ARE YOU WELL? IT MIGHT BE SUDDEN, BUT I WANT TO ASK FOR YOUR ADVICE SOMEONE SENT ME 100 MILLION IN CASH WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THAT'S WHY, WHEN I GOT PULLED INTO THE LIAR GAME FOR THE FIRST TIME AND TEXTED TO THE FEW FRIENDS I HAD ASKING FOR THEIR ADVICE.

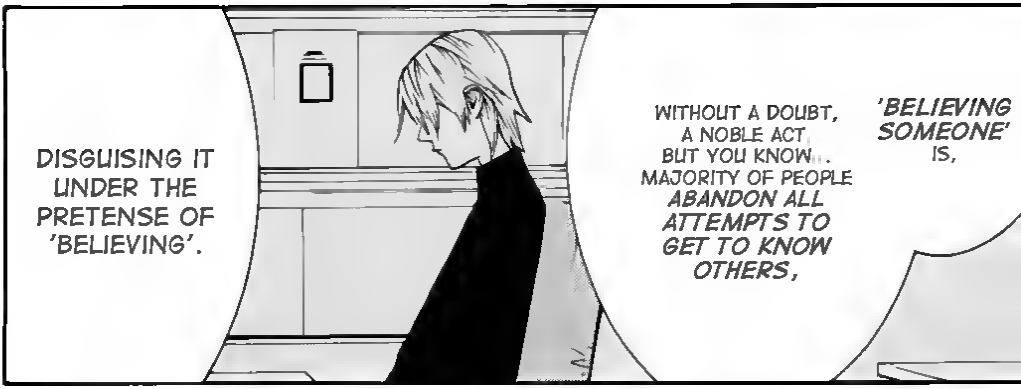

SUBJECT: RE: 100 MILLION
IT WAS A JOKE, OF COURSE.
I DREAMED ABOUT THAT LAST NIGHT.
A STRANGE DREAM THAT WAS.
IN THE END
IT MIGHT BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS...
NO.. I SHOULDN'T INVOLVE THEM...
AND I ENDED UP THINKING THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THEM NOT TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.



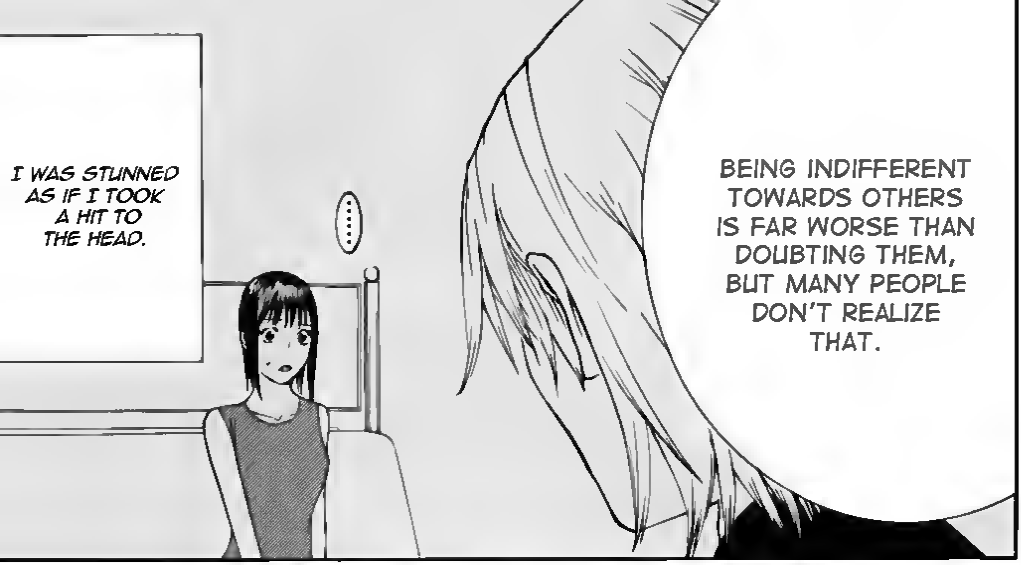
BUT AFTER I HAD, I BEGAN TO CHANGE.

PEOPLE SHOULD BE
DOUBTED.

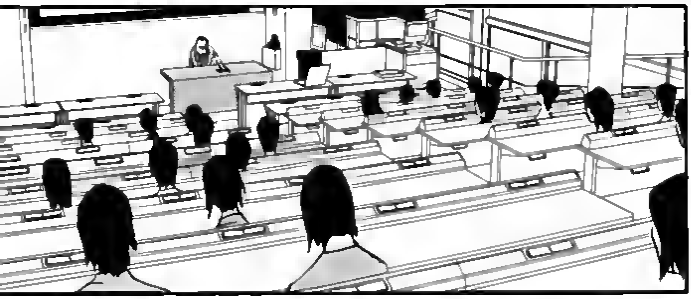
!?
HOWEVER, WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST DON'T GET
THAT 'DOUBTING SOMEONE' IS A MEANS OF GETTING TO KNOW THEM

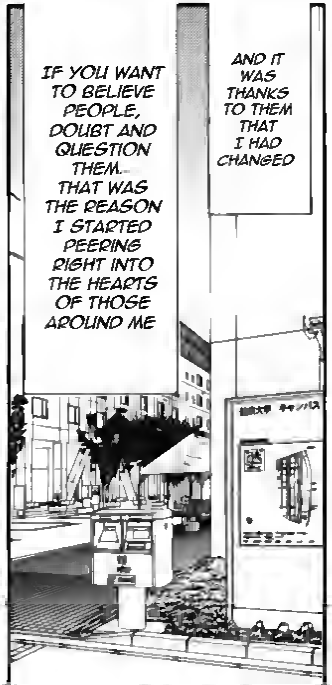

'BELIEVING SOMEONE' IS,
WITHOUT A DOUBT, A NOBLE ACT, BUT YOU KNOW... MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ABANDON ALL ATTEMPTS TO GET TO KNOW OTHERS,
DISGUISING IT UNDER THE PRETENSE OF 'BELIEVING'.

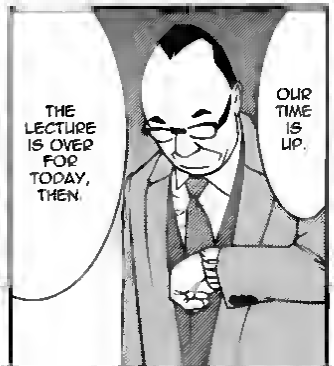
IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT THEY MASK WITH THAT CONCEPT IS
'INDIFFE-RENCE'...


I WAS STUNNED AS IF I TOOK A HIT TO THE HEAD.
BEING INDIFFERENT TOWARDS OTHERS IS FAR WORSE THAN DOUBTING THEM, BUT MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT.

...THAT THOSE WORDS DESCRIBED ME.

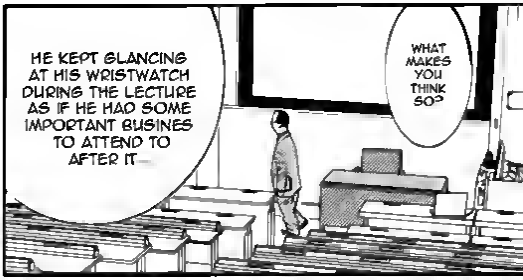


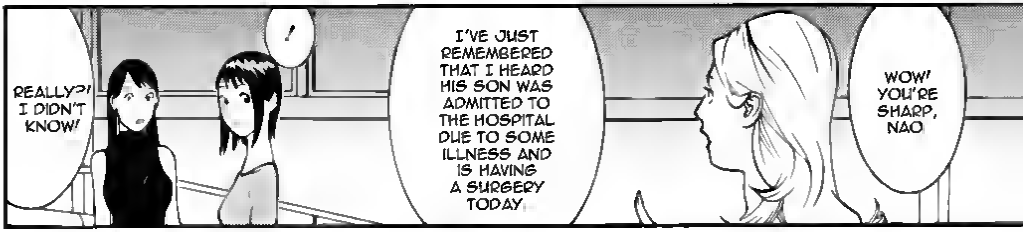

IF YOU WANT TO BELIEVE PEOPLE, DOUBT AND QUESTION THEM. THAT WAS THE REASON I STARTED PEERING RIGHT INTO THE HEARTS OF THOSE AROUND ME
AND IT WAS THANKS TO THEM THAT I HAD CHANGED



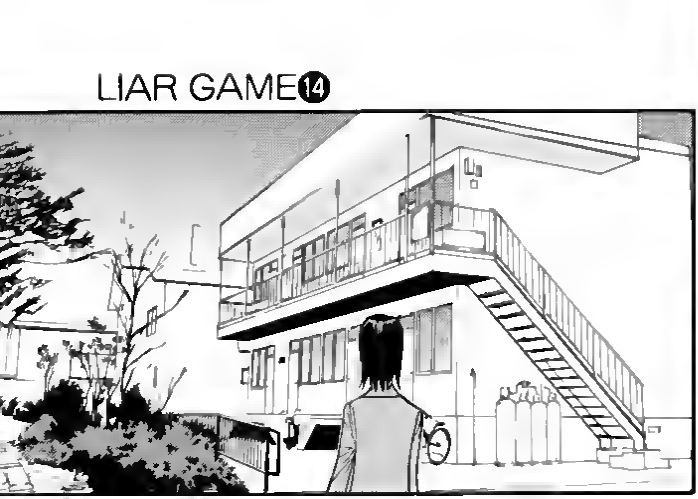
THE PROFESSOR WAS ACTING STRANGE TODAY.
I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED...
EH?!

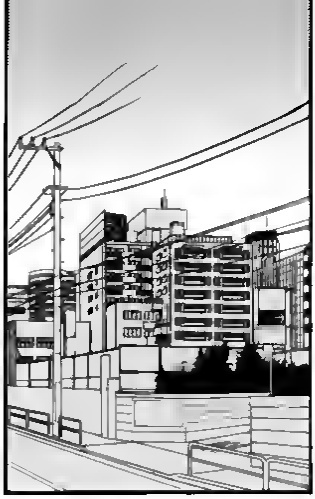
MAYBE HE HAS A STAFF MEETING OR SOME-THING?
NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT... HE KEPT SIGHING, SO THERE'S PROBABLY SOMETHING TROUBLING HIM...


WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO?
HE KEPT GLANCING AT HIS WRISTWATCH DURING THE LECTURE AS IF HE HAD SOME IMPORTANT BUSINES TO ATTEND TO AFTER IT...


WOW! YOU'RE SHARP, NAO
I'VE JUST REMEMBERED THAT I HEARD HIS SON WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL DUE TO SOME ILLNESS AND IS HAVING A SURGERY TODAY.
!
REALLY?! I DIDN'T KNOW!

I WAS RIGHT, THE PROFES-SOR IS ANXIOUS...
SAY, DON'T YOU THINK NAO'S CHANGED LATELY, CHARACTER-WISE?
INDEED...





GOOD AFTERNOON.

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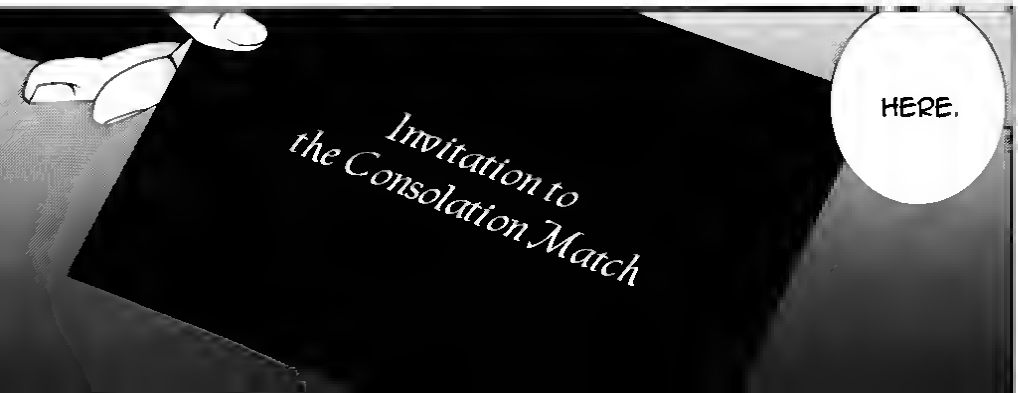
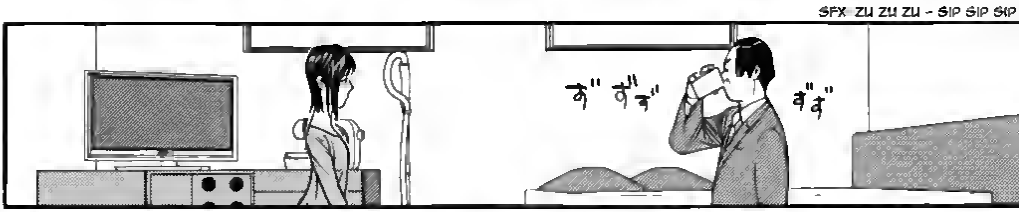
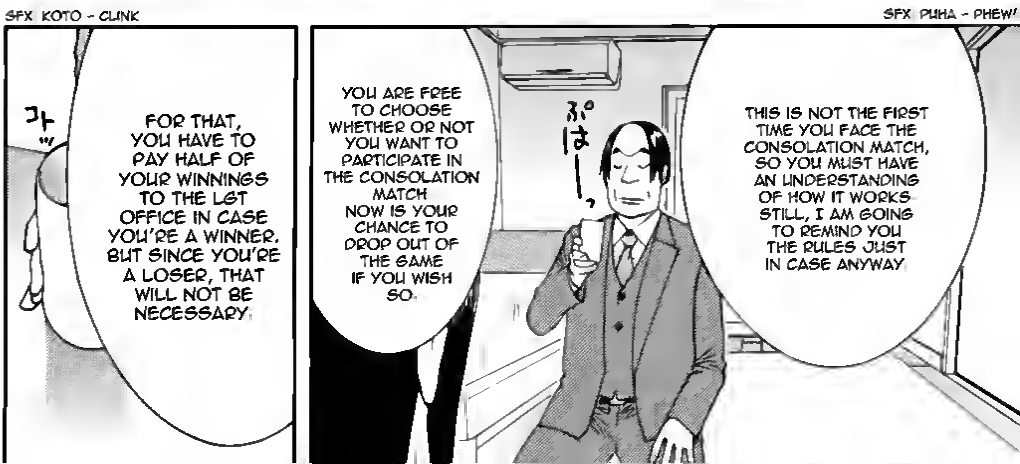
YES THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO GIVE YOU.
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME?

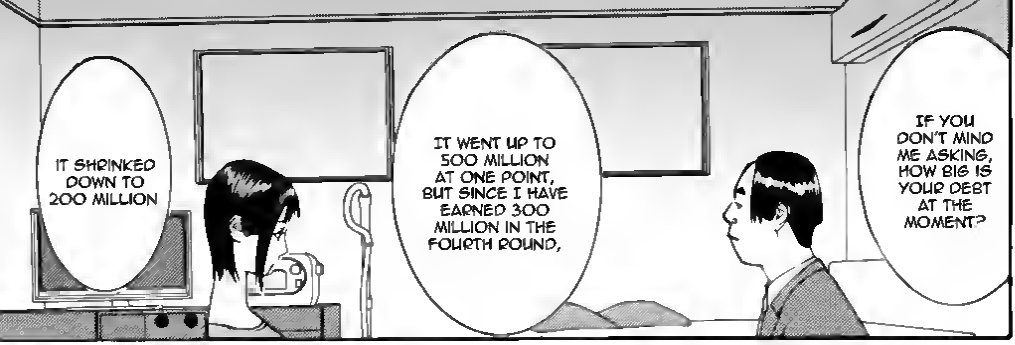

Invitation to the Consolation Match
HERE.

NO FUSS THIS TIME?
OH?
.....

WELL, I HATE TALKING ON THE DOORSTEP, SO WHY DON'T WE GO INSIDE?
FU FU FU.
SINCE I HAVE LOST IN THE FOURTH ROUND,
I KNEW I WOULD GET THIS INVITATION SOONER OR LATER


SFX: ZU ZU ZU - SIP SIP SIP

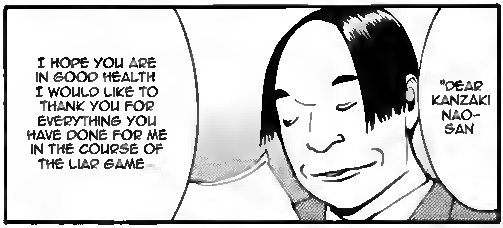

SFX: KOTO - CLINK
FOR THAT, YOU HAVE TO PAY HALF OF YOUR WINNINGS TO THE LST OFFICE IN CASE YOU'RE A WINNER. BUT SINCE YOU'RE A LOSER, THAT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.
YOU ARE FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO DROP OUT OF THE GAME IF YOU WISH SO.
SFX: PUHA - PHEW!
THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU FACE THE CONSOLATION MATCH, SO YOU MUST HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW IT WORKS STILL, I AM GOING TO REMIND YOU THE RULES JUST IN CASE ANYWAY.

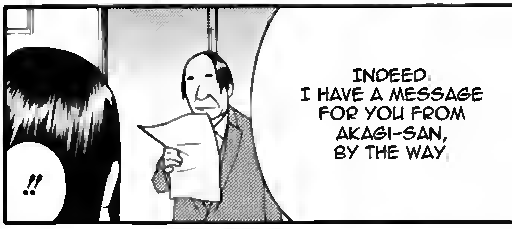

IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, HOW BIG IS YOUR DEBT AT THE MOMENT?
IT WENT UP TO 500 MILLION AT ONE POINT, BUT SINCE I HAVE EARNED 300 MILLION IN THE FOURTH ROUND,
IT SHRINKED DOWN TO 200 MILLION

YOU COULD QUIT NOW, YOU KNOW.
BUT IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO THAT DESPITE HAVING A DEBT,
THE LGT PEOPLE WILL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO SEE TO IT YOU PAY OFF YOUR DEBT IN FULL. FUFUFU.

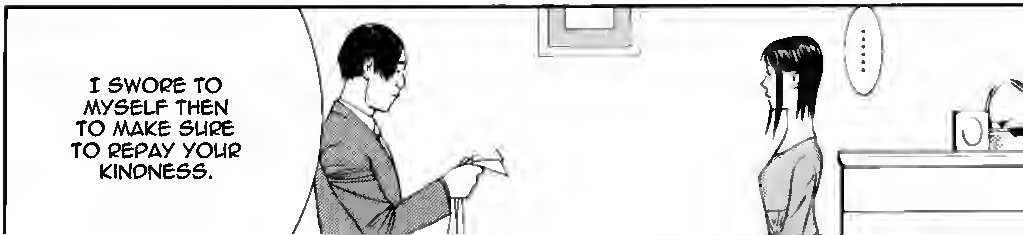
AS A REFERENCE, I'M EVEN GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE CHOICES THE OTHER PLAYERS YOU'RE AQUAINTED WITH HAVE MADE SO FAR.
LET'S START WITH MAKIZONO-SAN...
HE DECIDED TO QUIT THE GAME
SINCE IN THE FOURTH ROUND HE MANAGED TO ANNUL HIS DEBT.

AKAGI-SAN, TOO,
IS READY TO DROP OUT OF THE GAME.
AH. AKAGI-SAN HAD NO DEBT EVEN BEFORE THE START OF THE FOURTH ROUND.


"DEAR KANZAKI NAO-SAN
I HOPE YOU ARE IN GOOD HEALTH I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME IN THE COURSE OF THE LIAR GAME...


!!
INDEED. I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM AKAGI-SAN, BY THE WAY

I WAS TRULY ASTOUNDED TO LEARN THAT ALTRUISTS LIKE YOUREALLY EXIST IN THIS WORLD...
...AND ESPECIALLY IN THE THIRD ROUND, THE 'CONTRABAND GAME', WHERE YOU VALIANTLY SHOULDERED A BIG DEBT FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING ME AND MY TEAMMATES A PRECIOUS CHANCE TO NULLIFY OURS.


I SWORE TO MYSELF THEN TO MAKE SURE TO REPAY YOUR KINDNESS.
.....

I AM NOT SURE IF I WAS OF HELP TO YOU IN THE FOURTH ROUND, BUT YOU HAVE MANAGED TO GET 300 MILLION IN THAT GAME AS A PRIZE
AND I ALSO HAVE GOT 100 MILLION. THERE IS ALSO THE CHECK FOR 100 MILLION WE HAVE SNATCHED FROM YOKOYA. SO, IN TOTAL, I HAVE 200 MILLION.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ALL THAT MONEY TO YOU, AS MY PAYBACK FOR YOUR SHOULDERING MY DEBT IN THE THIRD ROUND.
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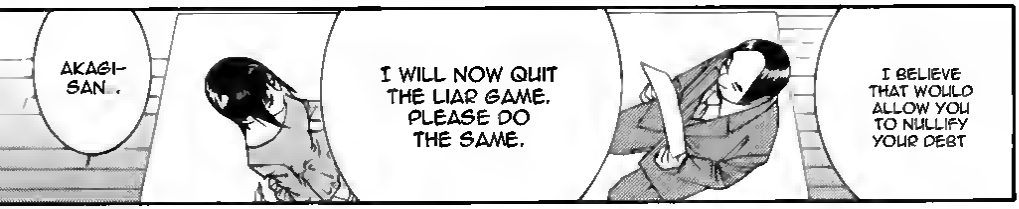
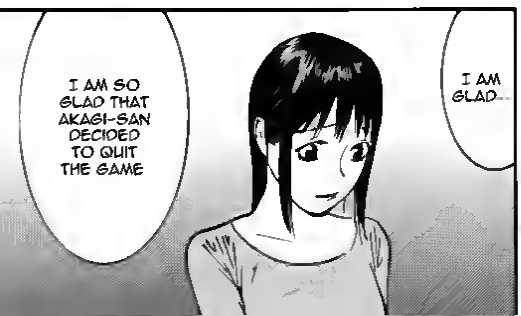
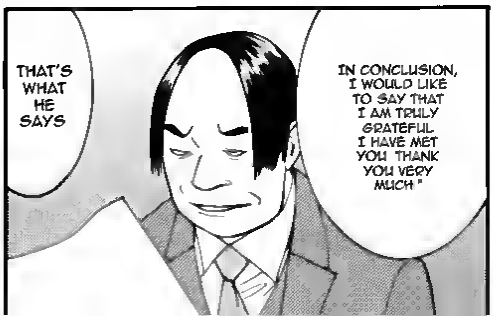

I BELIEVE THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO NULLIFY YOUR DEBT
I WILL NOW QUIT THE LIAR GAME. PLEASE DO THE SAME.
AKAGI-SAN...


I AM GLAD...
I AM SO GLAD THAT AKAGI-SAN DECIDED TO QUIT THE GAME


IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM TRULY GRATEFUL I HAVE MET YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."
THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS

PHEW
THUS, YOUR DEBT IS
NOW PAYED OFF.
!
WHAT ABOUT AKIYAMA-SAN?!
HAS HE DROPPPED OUT OF THE GAME YET?!
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY DEBTS ANYMORE!
!?
SFX: GABA - JUMP
I was the one who pulled him into the Liar game_
I will never forgive myself for that
AKIYAMA
INDEED, HIS 500 MILLION DEBT IS PAYED OFF, SINCE HE'S GOT YOKOYA'S CHECK FOR 200 MILLION AND HAS MADE A PROFIT OF 300 MILLION IN THE ROUND.
WHOA!

IT SAYS HERE THAT AKIYAMA
HAS SURRENDERED HIS RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH!

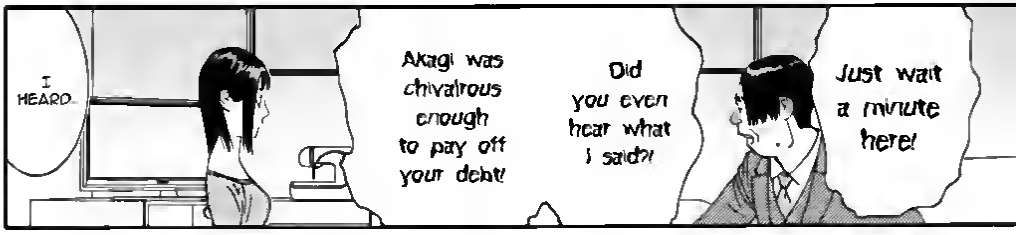
!!
REALLY?!

I EXPECT YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH THIS TIME, WOULD YOU?
SO, NOW I MUST ASK YOU WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO.

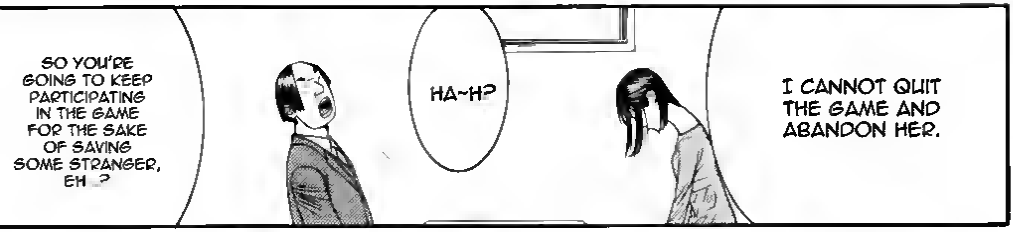
I'M SO GLAD! IT'S LIKE A LOAD OFF MY MIND!
IT'S ABOUT TIME HE QUIT SINCE HIS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN CAUSING TAKADA MICHIKO CONSTANT WORRY, I BET
HE HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING AS TAKADA MICHIKO'S REPRESENTATIVE TO BEGIN WITH.

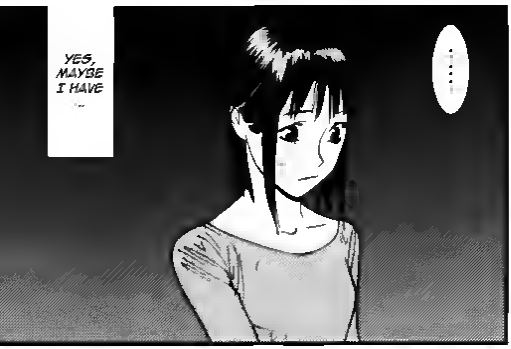
OH, BUT I WOULD.

HUH?!

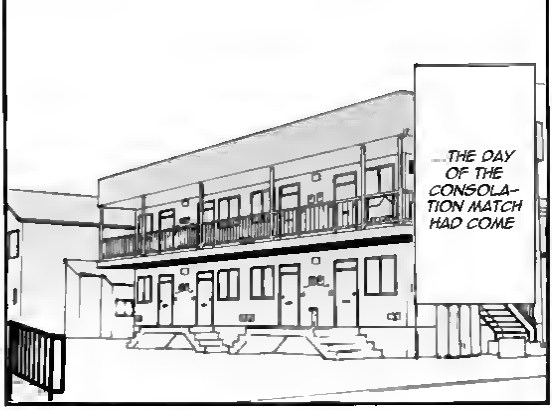

I HEARD.
Akagi was chivalrous enough to pay off your debt!
Did you even hear what I said?!
Just wait a minute here!

BUT THERE IS STILL SOMETHING LEFT THAT I NEED TO DO.
SOMETHING YOU NEED TO DO?
I DO.
THAT MEANS YOU WILL HAVE TO PLAY ON YOUR OWN, WITHOUT HIS HELP!!! DO YOU EVEN REALIZE THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION?!
DID YOU FORGET AKIYAMA REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN THE NEXT GAME?!

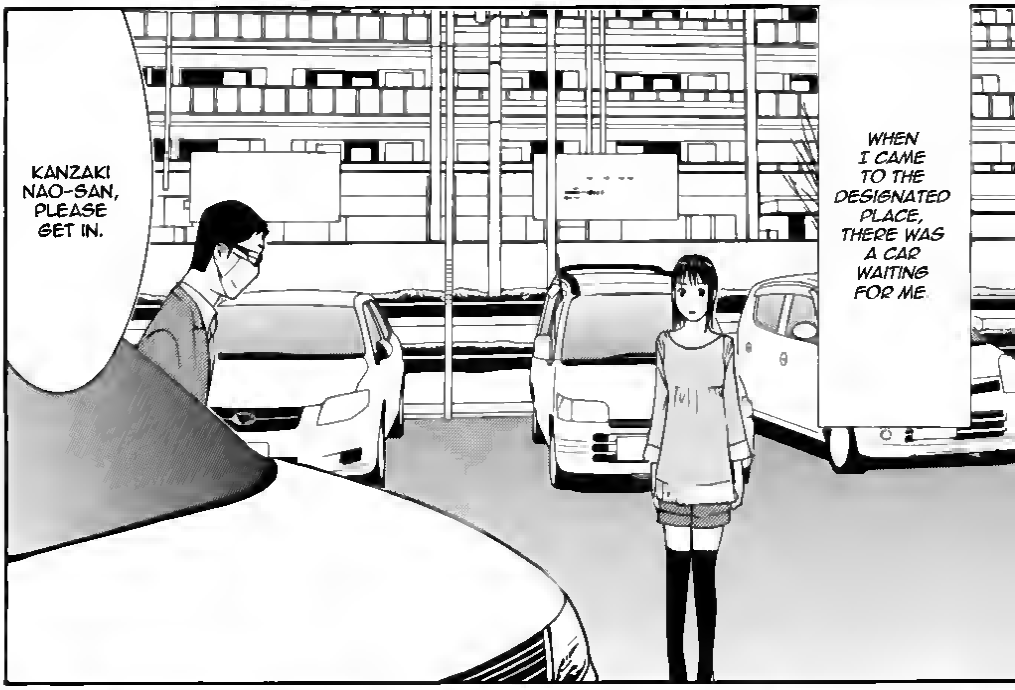

SO YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING SOME STRANGER, EH...?
HA~H?
I CANNOT QUIT THE GAME AND ABANDON HER.



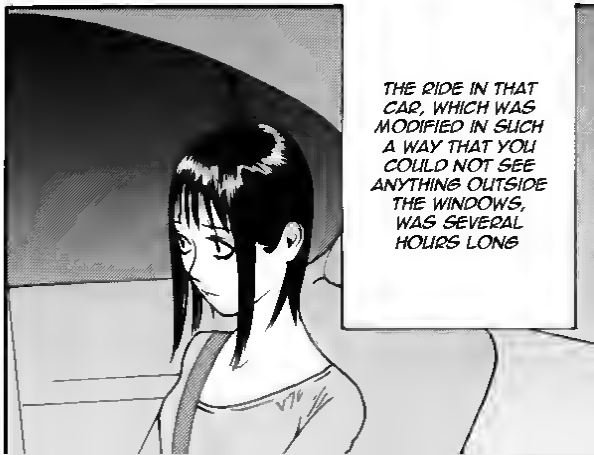
MAYBE
I AM
STRONGER
NOW.


...THE DAY OF THE CONSOLATION MATCH HAD COME

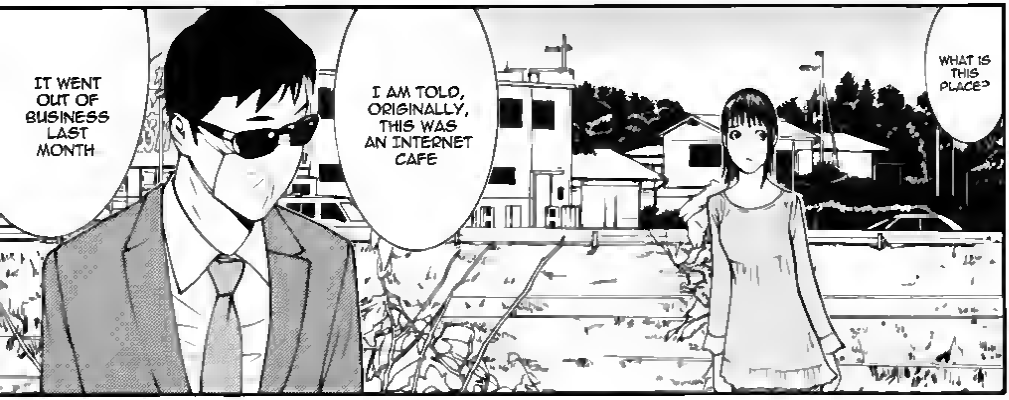
AND...


KANZAKI NAO-SAN, PLEASE GET IN.
WHEN I CAME TO THE DESIGNATED PLACE, THERE WAS A CAR WAITING FOR ME.

THE PLACE WE HAD ARRIVED TO WAS
WE HAVE ARRIVED TO OUR DESTINATION.


THE RIDE IN THAT CAR, WHICH WAS MODIFIED IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING OUTSIDE THE WINDOWS, WAS SEVERAL HOURS LONG

THIS IS THE STAGE OF TODAY'S CONSOLATION MATCH.
ON THE BUILDING: INTERNET, COMICS, BILLIARDS, DARTS
ON THE SIGN: VIDEO 24H


IT WENT OUT OF BUSINESS LAST MONTH
I AM TOLD, ORIGINALLY, THIS WAS AN INTERNET CAFE
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

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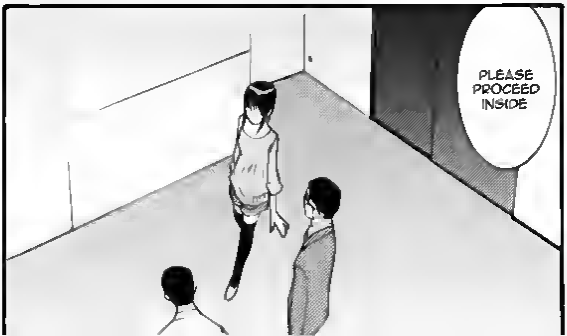
PLEASE PROCEED INSIDE

WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FOURTH ROUND...
INSIDE I FOUND THE PLAY-ERS

THERE IS STILL 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME TILL THEN.
It's been a long time!
Good to see you all!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN... THERE'S NO WAY SHE WOULD TALK TO ME IN FRONT OF HARIMOTO-SAN...
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IT IS NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
ABE-SAN.
SFX: PUI – TURN AWAY
BUT I DO NOT SEE FUKUNAGA-SAN AND YOKOYA-SAN AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS
UM, EXCUSE ME.
STAGE A
AND THIS IS STAGE A, BY THE WAY.
YES
YOU MEAN THERE IS ANOTHER CONSOLATION MATCH HELD AT SOME DIFFERENT PLACE?
STAGE B?
THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH AT STAGE B
YES, INDEED, KANZAKI-SAN.
FU FU FU.

IN THIS ROOM, WE WILL BE OBSERVING THEM ALL.
THE CONSOLATION MATCH WILL BE HELD AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

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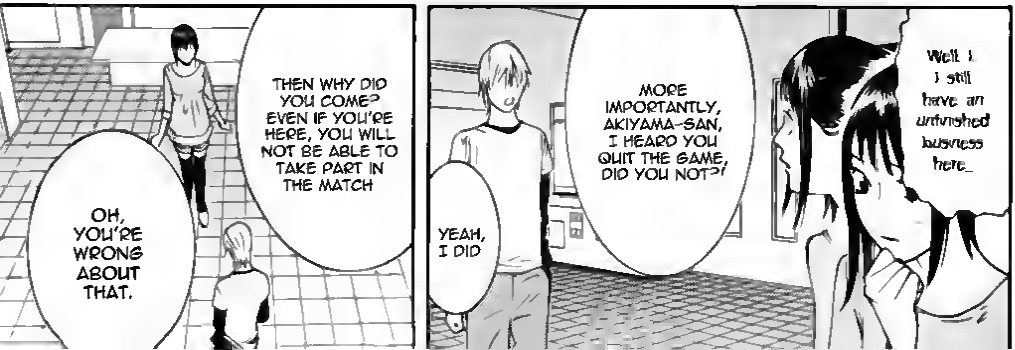
A COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED PERSON HAD MADE HIS APPEARANCE AT STAGE A.
INSTEAD, THOUGH,
BUT EVEN FUKUNAGA-SAN IS NOT HERE...
YOKOYA-SAN ASIDE,

AKIYAMA-
SAN?!

AFTER AKAGI GAVE YOU HIS 200 MILLION, YOU COULD'VE EASILY QUIT IT WHY HAVEN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU, YOU KNOW. WHY ARE YOU STILL IN THE GAME?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!


OH, YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THAT.
THEN WHY DID YOU COME? EVEN IF YOU'RE HERE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE MATCH
YEAH, I DID
MORE IMPORTANTLY, AKIYAMA-SAN, I HEARD YOU QUIT THE GAME, DID YOU NOT?!
Well I I still have an unfinished business here_

I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE MATCH.
IF AMONG THE PEOPLE PRESENT HERE I CAN FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD WANT ME TO BE THEIR REPRESENTATIVE,

!?
!?
!?

I'M NOT HERE BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
DON'T GET WRONG IDEAS.
I will be fine now! I can fight on my own.
I do not want you to have to fight anymore!
Akiyama-san please stop!

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I SIMPLY WANT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THIS GAME.

I HAVE QUIT THE GAME. BUT, IF THERE'S SOMEONE AMONG YOU WHO WANTS ME TO BE THEIR SUBSTITUTE, I'LL PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME IN THEIR STEAD.
LET ME REITERATE
SFX: KUDU - TURN
SFX: ZAWA - MUTTER
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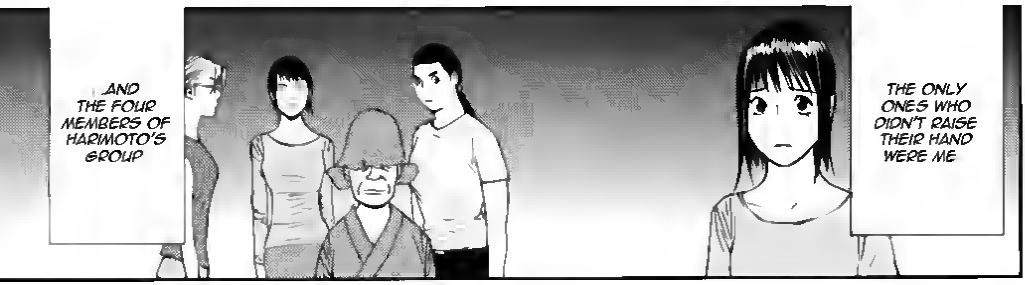
SO?
AKIYAMA IS TRYING TO ARRANGE SOMETHING RIGHT ON THE SPOT.
OHO.
THAT IS, EVEN IF YOU DO BECOME SOMEONE'S REPRESENTATIVE, THAT WON'T ERASE THEIR DEBT, AND EVEN IF YOU WIN, THEY WON'T GET A SINGLE YEN OUT OF IT.
AFTER ALL, THE RULE FOR THE SUBSTITUTE PARTICIPATION READS AS FOLLOWS "ANY DEBT AND/OR PROFIT THAT MIGHT OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF THE GAME WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE"
?
NO ONE WILL ASK YOU TO REPRESENT THEM.
WHO SAYS I WANT SOMEONE TO MAKE ME THEIR REPRESENTATIVE JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT?
HEH.

HOW ABOUT THAT?
I WILL BECOME A PARTICIPANT'S SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CONDITION THAT I WILL SHOULDER THE DEBT THEY'VE ACCUMULATED TO THIS DATE.
NO, MINE !!!
BE MY REPRESEN-TATIVE!!!
DEAL!!!
AGREED!
AGREED!
AGREED!
AGREED!

ONCE AKIYAMA-SAN SAID HE WOULD SHOULDER THE FULL WEIGHT OF ONE OF THE PLAYERS' DEBT, HE WAS FLOODED WITH REQUESTS FROM THE INTERESTED
AKIYAMA-SAN

SIX PEOPLE IN TOTAL WANTED TO TAKE HIM UP ON HIS OFFER


...AND THE FOUR MEMBERS OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP
THE ONLY ONES WHO DIDN'T RAISE THEIR HAND WERE ME

ALRIGHT, LET'S DO IT THIS WAY.
WHOM SHOULD I CHOOSE...
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S ONLY ONE OF ME...
WOW QUITE A FEW INTERESTED PEOPLE WE HAVE HERE, EH

I'M GONNA GIVE EACH OF YOU A PIECE OF PAPER.
WRITE THE NAMES OF TWO PEOPLE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO CHOOSE. YOU CAN'T WRITE YOUR OWN NAME, THOUGH.
I'LL TALLY UP A TOTAL AND BECOME A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PERSON WHOSE NAME HAD THE LEAST COUNT
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THIS WAY, BY REVERSAL,
WE'LL FIND OUT THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO YOU WANT ME TO REPRESENT THE MOST.
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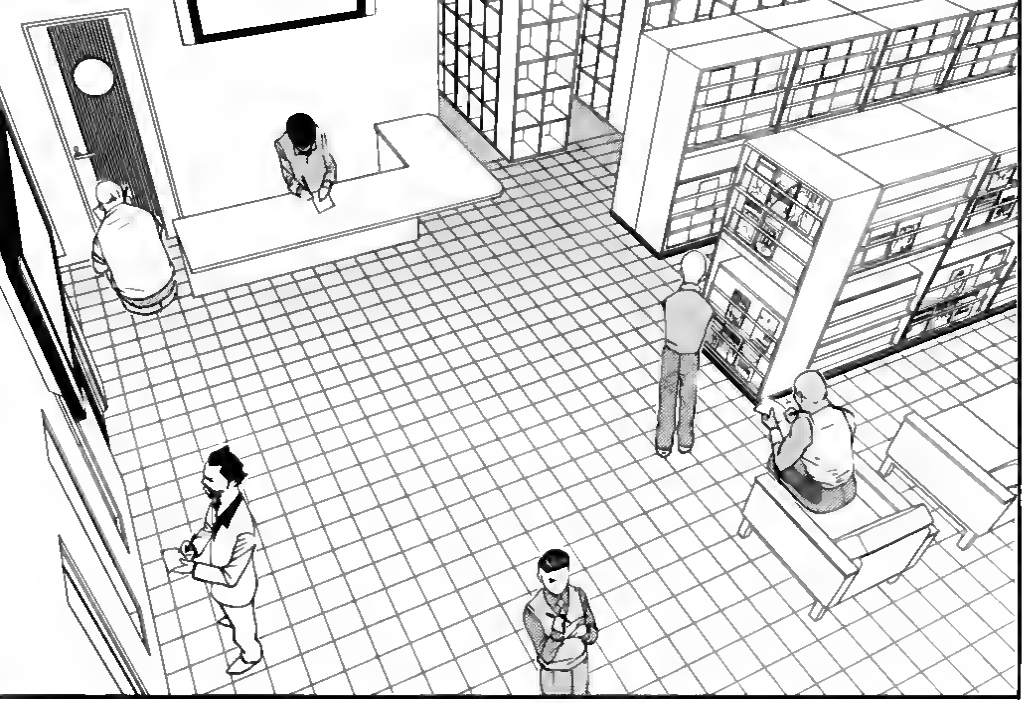
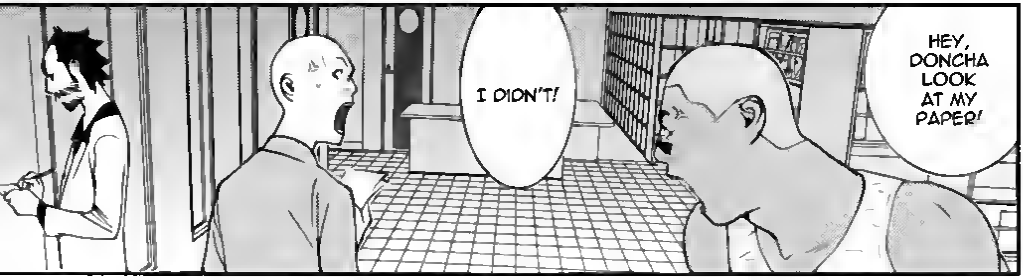
HOO HOO. AKIYAMA CAME UP WITH QUITE AN INTERESTING METHOD.



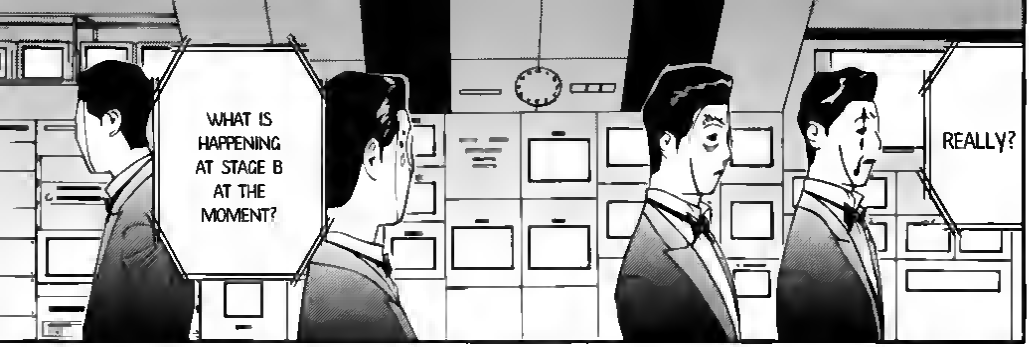

HEY, DONCHA LOOK AT MY PAPER!
I DIDN'T!

YOU SHITHEAD, DONCHA WRITE MY NAME!
HEY, HEY, IF YOU TALK TO HIM LIKE THAT, HE'LL DEFINITELY WRITE YOUR NAME, YOU KNOW.
IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE, DO NOT WRITE MY NAME.
.....
AND SO, THE RESULT OF THE TALLY WAS...

...THAT AKIYAMA-SAN BECAME SAKAI-SAN'S SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE
YESSS SSS!!!

I DOUBT IT WAS JUST A LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT UNRELATED TO THE GAME.
I BEG TO DIFFER.
KUKUKU. THAT WAS QUITE AN AMUZING LITTLE SIDE SHOW BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT.

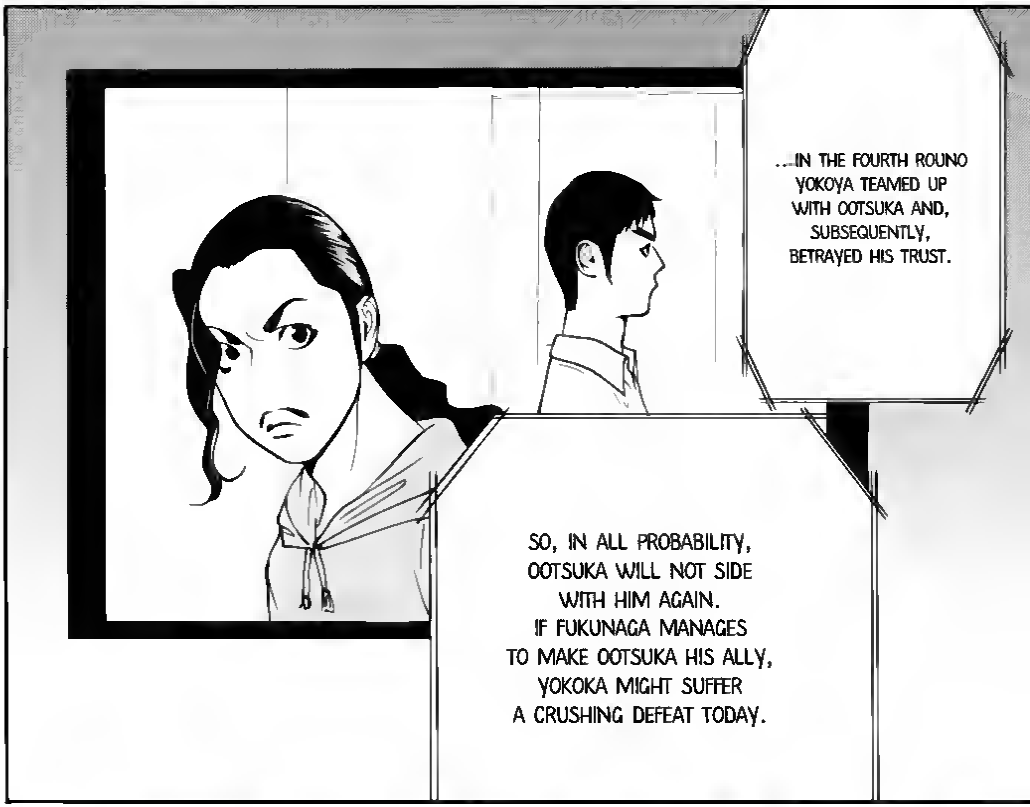
AND IF SO, THEN THAT WAS HIS FIRST MOVE, AND HE MADE IT WITH SOME SORT OF MEANING BEHIND IT.
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT, IN AKIYAMA'S VIEW, THE MATCH HAS ALREADY STARTED.


WHAT IS HAPPENING AT STAGE B AT THE MOMENT?
REALLY?

ALL THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE ALREADY GATHERED THERE.

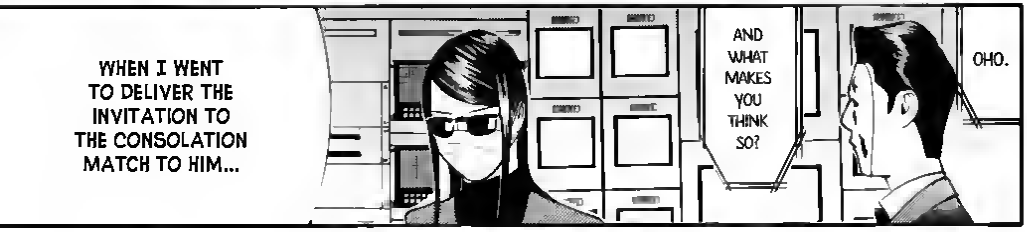
LET'S SEE...
LERONIRA-SAN, HOW IS THE SITUATION GOING TO DEVELOP AT STAGE B, IN YOUR OPINION?

UNDER THE NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D SAY THAT YOKOYA, NO DOUBT, HAS BETTER CHANCES TO WIN THAN FUKUNAGA. HOWEVER...


...IN THE FOURTH ROUND YOKOYA TEAMED UP WITH OOTSUKA AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, BETRAYED HIS TRUST.
SO, IN ALL PROBABILITY, OOTSUKA WILL NOT SIDE WITH HIM AGAIN. IF FUKUNAGA MANAGES TO MAKE OOTSUKA HIS ALLY, YOKOKA MIGHT SUFFER A CRUSHING DEFEAT TODAY.

KURIFUJI!
I DO NOT THINK THAT WILL HAPPEN.

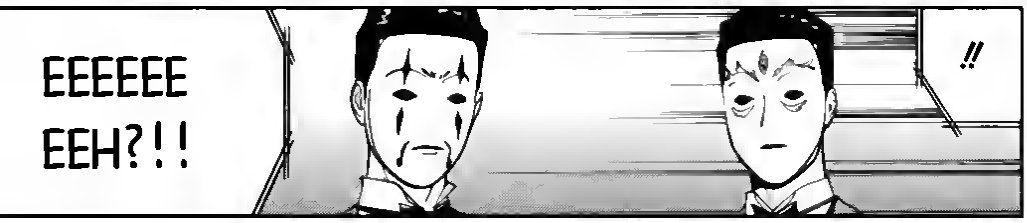
I PREDICT
YOKOYA WILL WIN A SWEEPING VICTORY TODAY.


WHEN I WENT TO DELIVER THE INVITATION TO THE CONSOLATION MATCH TO HIM...
AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO?
OHO.

WELL, THEN LET ME ASSURE YOU
FU FU FU
AFTER SEEING ME STRUGGLE IN THE FOURTH ROUND, YOU PROBABLY THINK THAT I WILL HAVE A HARD TIME IN THE NEXT GAME, TOO, DO YOU NOT?
KURIFUJI-SAN,
...HE SAID THIS TO ME:

...FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS I WILL WIN ALL THE ROUNDS WITH EASE.
WHY, YOU WONDER? BECAUSE I HAVE LEARNED..
!?
...THE TRUTH BEHIND THE LIAR GAME.

AND NOW THAT I KNOW IT,
WINNING WILL BE RIDICULOUSLY EASY.


EEEEEE EEH?!!
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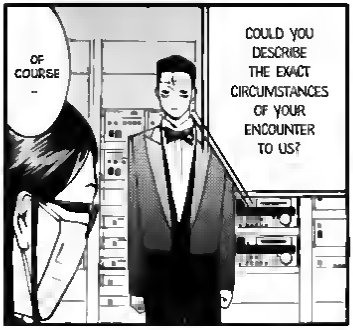
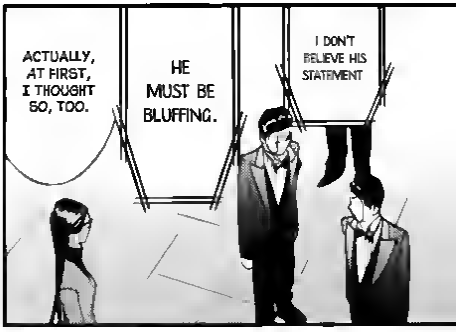
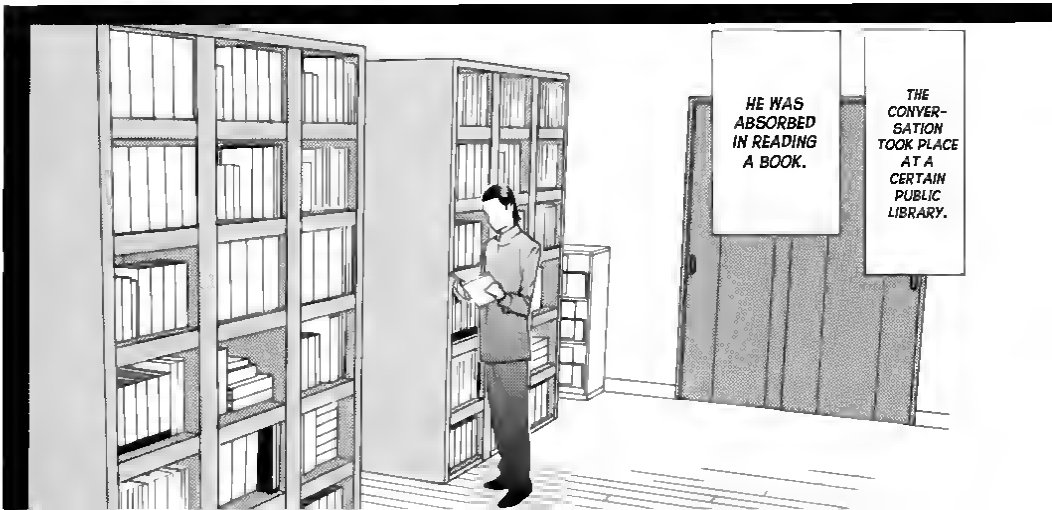
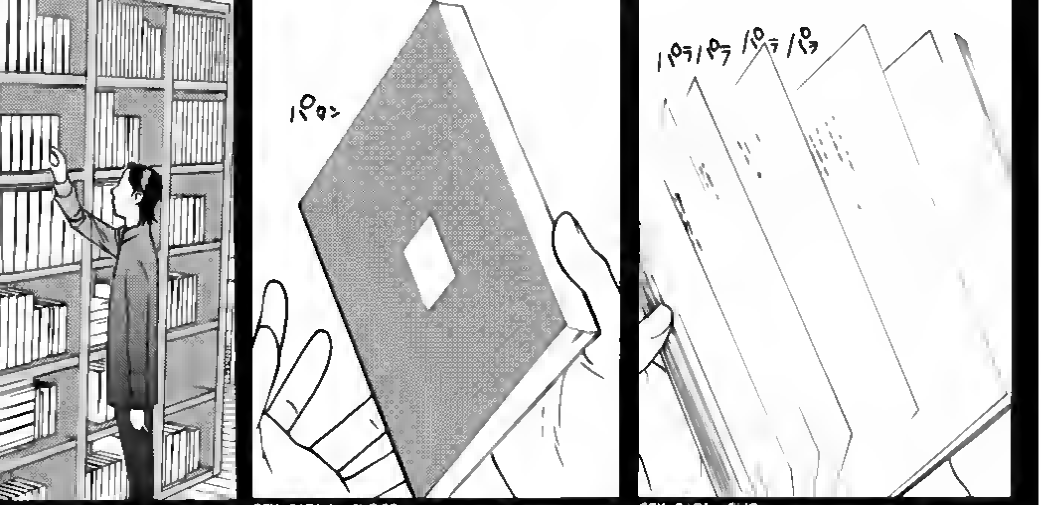
YES...
YOKOYA HAS LEARNED THE TRUTH BEHIND THE LIAR GAME?!


OF COURSE -
COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR ENCOUNTER TO US?

BUT IT SEEMS I WAS WRONG.


ACTUALLY, AT FIRST, I THOUGHT SO, TOO.
HE MUST BE BLUFFING.
I DON'T BELIEVE HIS STATEMENT


HE WAS ABSORBED IN READING A BOOK.
THE CONVER-SATION TOOK PLACE AT A CERTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY.


SFX: PATAN – CLOSE
SFX: PARA – FLIP

YOUR READING SPEED IS AMAZING.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, BUT IT IS PART OF MY JOB
HMPH LOOK LIKE YOU REALLY DO FOLLOW ME AROUND 24/7, EH
IT IS NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING
IT IS SIMPLY A SPEED READING TECHNIQUE. WITH PRACTICE, ANYONE CAN DO IT.

BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO GIVE YOU TODAY
MY SINCERE APOLOGIES
OBSERVING ME, HUH— WELL, IT IS NOT LIKE I MIND, BUT SINCE YOUR APPEARANCE IS NOT EXACTLY CONVENTIONAL, DO YOU MIND DOING IT FROM A DISTANCE, WITHOUT APPROACHING ME?

Invitation to the Consolation Match
THIS.
I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF RESEARCHING SOME CLUES FOR THE NEXT GAME.
JUST IN TIME.
OHO, SO IT HAS ARRIVED.
YOU THINK THAT SINCE I HAVE LOST IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND, I WILL NOW DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO THE NEXT ONE READY TO GO TO ALL LENGTHS IN ORDER TO WIN? WHAT A NARROW OUTLOOK ONE CANNOT HOPE TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING IN THIS GAME WITH AN OUTLOOK LIKE THAT
HM.
YOU STRIVE TO WIN THE NEXT ROUND AT ALL COSTS SINCE THE RESULT OF THE PREVIOUS GAME WASN'T FAVORABLE FOR YOU?
IN THE GRAND WAR THAT IS THE LIAR GAME.
WHAT I AIM FOR IS TO BECOME THE LAST MAN STANDING

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN, THEN...?
WELL, I ADMIT I DO WANT TO DEAL A CRUSHING BLOW TO AKIYAMA, KANZAKI, AND THEIR WHOLE STINKING LOT SO THAT THEY WILL NEVER EVER RECOVER FROM IT.
I SAID IT BEFORE, AND I WILL REPEAT IT AGAIN: IN MY INTERPRETATION, THE LIAR GAME IS A COMPETITION FOR CONTROL.
THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON WILL BE THE WINNER IN THE END.
IT IS ALL ABOUT HOW MANY UNDERLINGS YOU CAN GET UNDER YOUR CONTROL, AND HOW MUCH INFLUENCE OVER OTHERS YOU CAN EXERCISE
HOWEVER, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT OUTSHINES THEM ALL AND PROVIDES A FASTER AND MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO VICTORY.
AND THAT IS...
MONEY? BRAINS? STRATEGIC PROWESS?
THE QUESTION IS WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE THE ONE IN CONTROL?
OF COURSE, ALL THREE ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

THE ONE IN POSSESSION OF INFORMATION WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY BECOME THE RULER OF THE LIAR GAME.
...INFORMATION.
WHAT IF THE REAL SITUATION IN THE LIAR GAME BECOMES CLEARLY VISIBLE?
THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE LIAR GAME ARE THROWN INTO A SETTING FULL OF RIDDLES. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE FORCED TO FIGHT AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN THE PITCH-BLACK DARK.
BUT WHAT IF THEY SEE A RAY OF LIGHT, WHICH IS INFORMATION IN OUR CASE, ILLUMINATING THAT WORLD OF DARKNESS?
ACTUALLY, IN THE FOURTH ROUND, I SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A COUPLE OF OBEDIENT STOOGES JUST BY SAYING I FIGURED OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LIAR GAME.
PEOPLE WILL RALLY ROUND THAT LIGHT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

BLUFF?
I DOUBT YOU CAN USE THAT BLUFF AGAIN.
YOU HAVE LOST IN THE FOURTH ROUND...
YES, BUT...
FUFUFU.. IT WAS NO BLUFF. I REALLY DID FIGURE OUT
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LIAR GAME.
!?
THINK WHAT YOU WILL, I DO NOT CARE.
OH, I SEE... IT WAS JUST A BLUFF, AFTER ALL...
HUH? YOU CANNOT SERIOUSLY EXPECT ME TO ACTUALLY TELL YOU THAT, NOW CAN YOU
AND WHAT IS THAT TRUTH?!

IF IT WAS A BLUFF OR NOT.
IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH I WILL LET YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF

HMPH, WELL, I STILL THINK IT WAS JUST A BLUFF, THOUGH.
YES.
SO HE'S GOING TO SHOW US IN THIS MATCH HE'S NOT BLUFFING, HUH?
REALLY NOW.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
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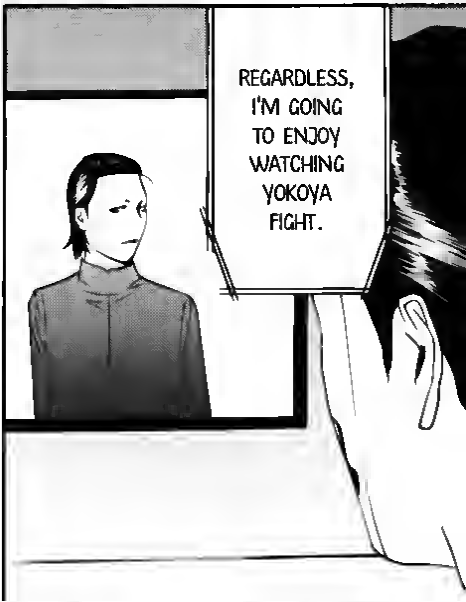
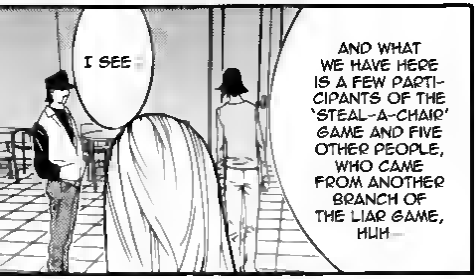
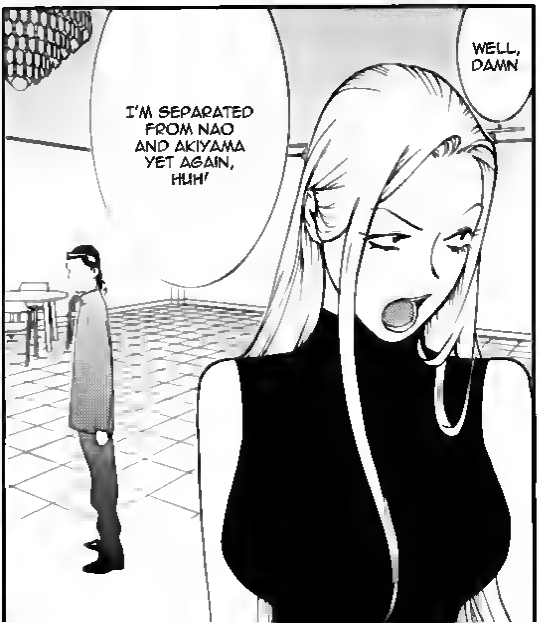

REGARDLESS, I'M GOING TO ENJOY WATCHING YOKOYA FIGHT.

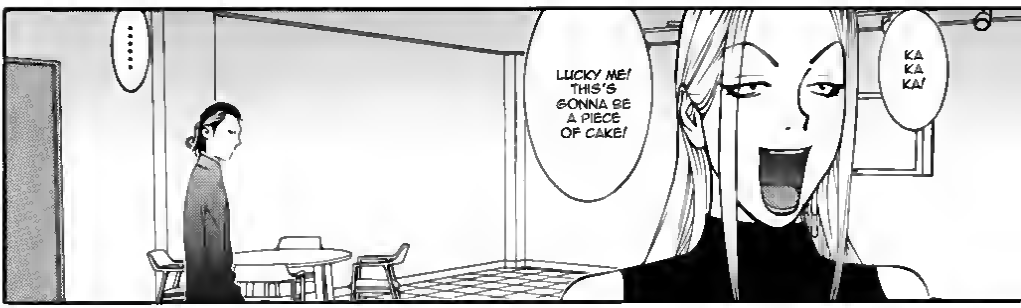
IT WAS A DANCE HALL, AS I HEARD.
IT CLOSED DOWN A LONG TIME AGO AND HAS NOT BEEN IN USE SINCE THEN.
HMMM.

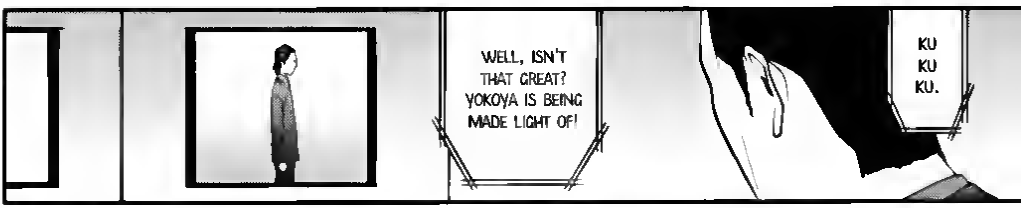
AND WHERE ARE AKIYAMA AND HARIMOTO?
THEY ARE AT A DIFFERENT PLACE.


I SEE.
AND WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A FEW PARTICIPANTS OF THE 'STEAL-A-CHAIR' GAME AND FIVE OTHER PEOPLE, WHO CAME FROM ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE LIAR GAME, HUH—


WELL, DAMN
I'M SEPARATED FROM NAO AND AKIYAMA YET AGAIN, HUH!

SO...
THE STRONG LOOKING ONES ARE...

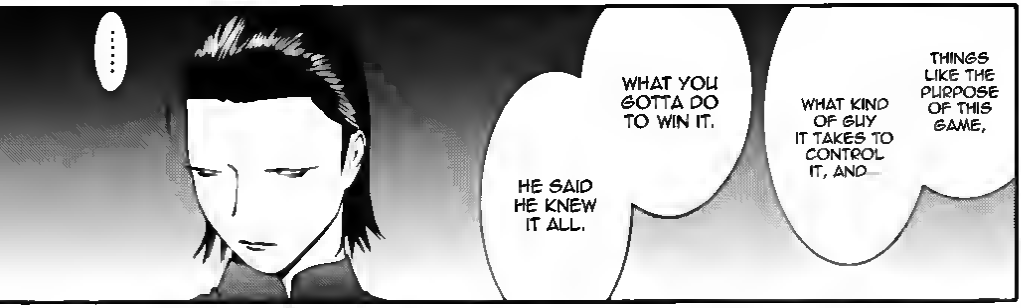




SFX ZUN - APPEARS SUDDENLY

I LOST BIG TIME, EVEN THOUGH I BELIEVED YOUR WORDS AND FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS TO A TEE.
YOU REALLY GOT ME DUPED BACK THERE, HUH.

THAT HE FIGURED OUT *THE TRUTH BEHIND THE LAIR GAME.*
BEFORE THE START OF THE FOURTH ROUND THIS DUDE HERE SAID TO ME
BELIEVED HIS WORDS?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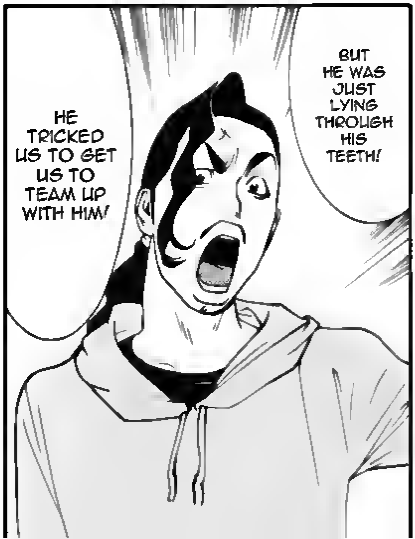
HE SAID HE KNEW IT ALL.
WHAT YOU GOTTA DO TO WIN IT.
WHAT KIND OF GUY IT TAKES TO CONTROL IT, AND—
THINGS LIKE THE PURPOSE OF THIS GAME,

ALL AFTER HIS BOLD CLAIMS THAT WE JUST NEEDED TO DO EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID AND WE'D WIN, HANDS DOWN!
I, TOO, WAS ON HIS TEAM IN THE THIRD ROUND, AND THINGS GOT REALLY UGLY FOR US!


HE TRICKED US TO GET US TO TEAM UP WITH HIM!
BUT HE WAS JUST LYING THROUGH HIS TEETH!

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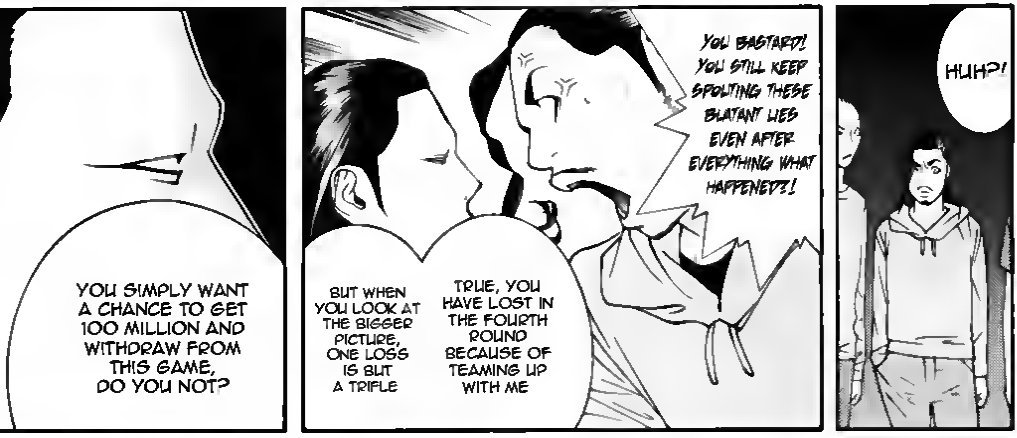
HEAR THAT, GUYS?! YOU GOTTA BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS AROUND THIS CHARACTER!
HIS SPEECHES ARE SWEET AND ALL, BUT HIS EVERY DAMN WORD IS A LIE! IF YOU BELIEVE HIM, YOU'LL COME TO REGRET IT, I GUARANTEE THAT!
HE PLANS TO JOIN SIDES WITH THEM, USING THEIR HATRED FOR YOKOYA AS THE KEY.
IN THIS GROUP, THERE ARE MANY PLAYERS WHO WERE ON YOKOYA'S TEAM IN THE CONTRABAND GAME AND SUFFERED BIG LOSSES AS THE RESULT.
FORELOCK MADE A SMART MOVE.
IT'S A TECHIQUE TO MAKE PEOPLE UNITE IN THE FACE OF A POTENTIAL ENEMY, AND IT'S USED EVEN IN POLITICS.
AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, THERE IS A METHOD TO GAIN ALLIES KNOWN AS "PRESENTING THE COMMON ENEMY"
AND,
IN THE LIAR GAME HAVING ALLIES GIVES YOU AN ADVANTAGE.
FU FU FU.
BUT NOW HE WILL HAVE TO COME FACE TO FACE IN A BATTLE WITH THE PEOPLE HE MADE USE OF
YOKOYA HAS USED A LOT OF PLAYERS TO MAKE IT THIS FAR.

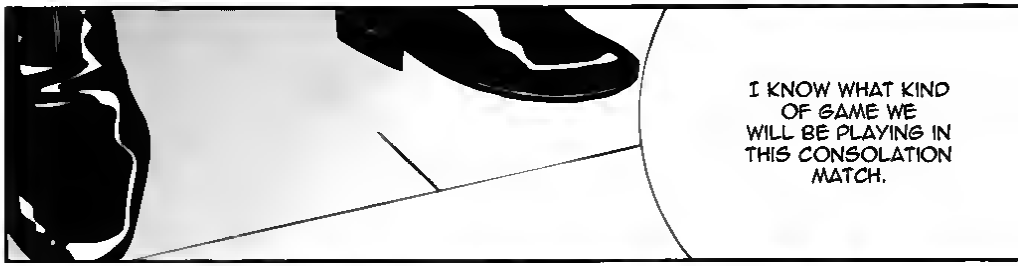
ALLOW ME TO SAY SOMETHING HONESTLY
AH...
THIS IS WHERE YOKOYA'S REAL TEST BEGINS.

I REALLY DO KNOW THE TRUTH BEHIND THE LIAR GAME.
WHAT I TOLD YOU BEFORE THE FOURTH ROUND WAS NOT LIES

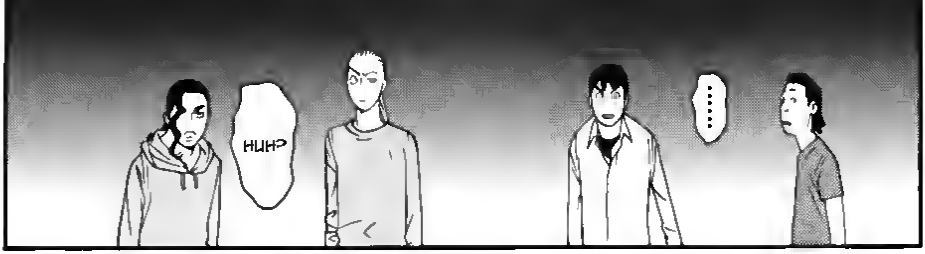

YOU SIMPLY WANT A CHANCE TO GET 100 MILLION AND WITHDRAW FROM THIS GAME, DO YOU NOT?
BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE, ONE LOSS IS BUT A TRIFLE
TRUE, YOU HAVE LOST IN THE FOURTH ROUND BECAUSE OF TEAMING UP WITH ME
YOU BASTARD! YOU STILL KEEP SPOUTING THESE BLATANT LIES EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING WHAT HAPPENED?!
HUH?!

I WAS NOT LYING
BUT I WON'T BELIEVE ANYONE ANYMORE, SO STOP LYING ALREADY, DUMBASS!
Whoa that was close - I almost believed him for a second
DON'T FALL FOR HIS LIES! HE'S JUST TRYING TO TRICK YOU AGAIN!
Y-YEAH

HUH?
?
FU FU FU
AND HOW YOU GONNA PROVE IT?
WELL, SHALL I PROVE TO YOU ALL I AM NOT LYING?


I KNOW WHAT KIND OF GAME WE WILL BE PLAYING IN THIS CONSOLATION MATCH.

A VARIATION WHERE YOU CAN OBTAIN CARDS YOU NEED ONLY THROUGH BIDDING -
BID POKER.
BUT NOT YOUR TRADITIONAL POKER
POKER.


HUH?
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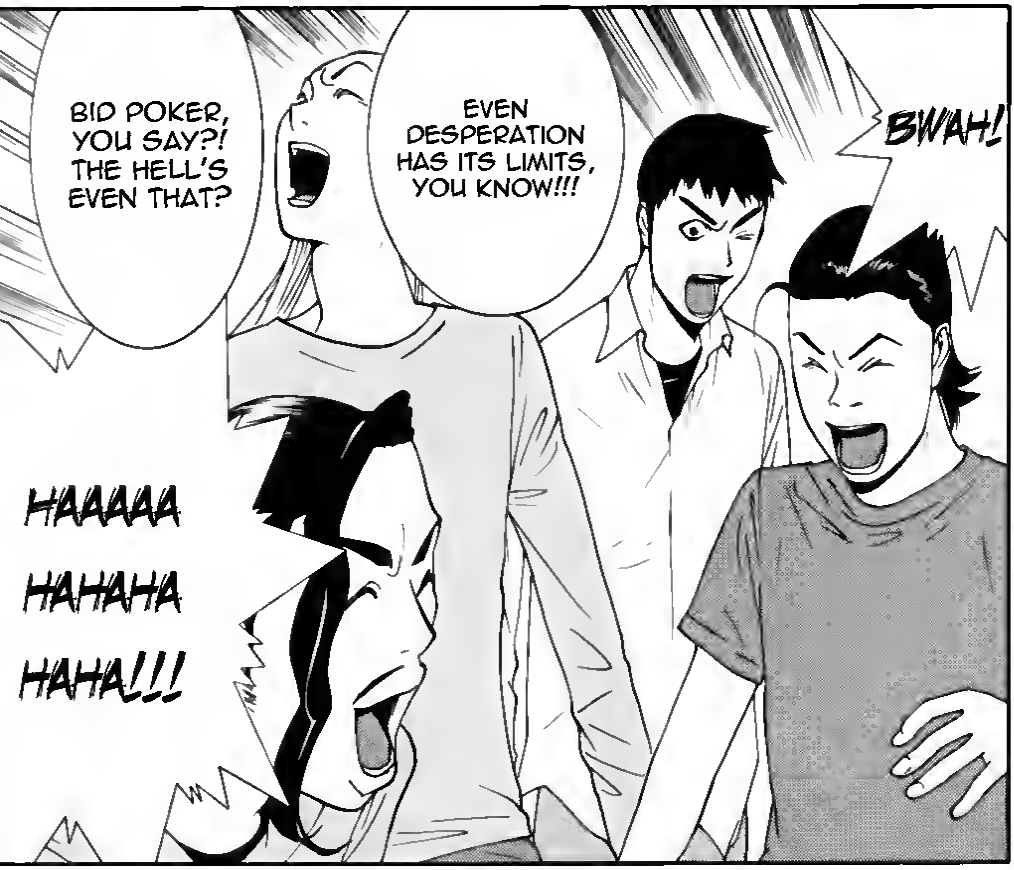
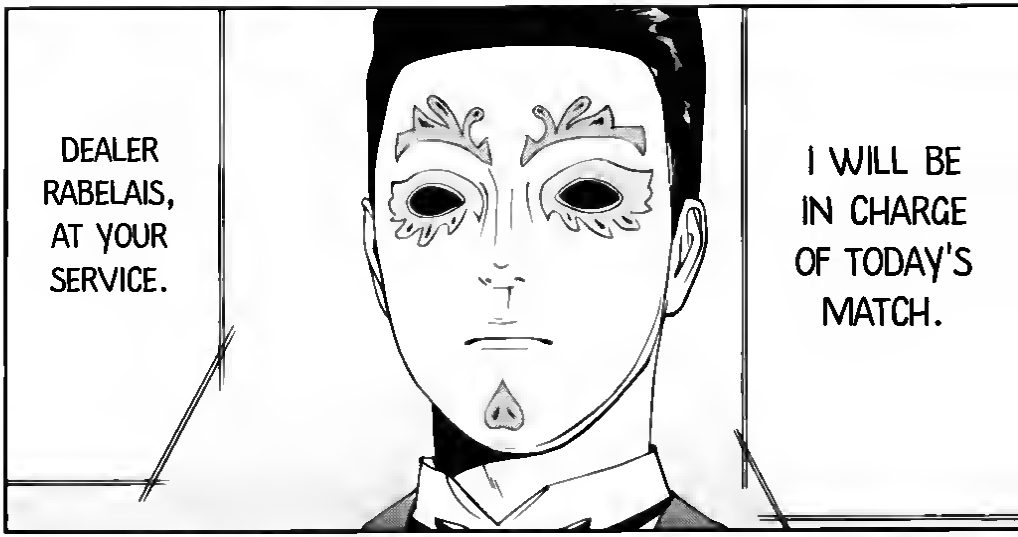

BID POKER, YOU SAY?! THE HELL'S EVEN THAT?
EVEN DESPERATION HAS ITS LIMITS, YOU KNOW!!!
BWAH!
HAAAAA HAHAHA HAHA!!!

PLAYERS, PLEASE COME HERE.
!?

.....
AND THIS IS ALL THE PROOF WE NEED THAT YOU'RE JUST A COMPULSIVE LIAR!
NO WAY WE'RE GONNA PLAY A GAME LIKE THAT! AIN'T HAPPENING!
GYA HA HA!

THE CONSO-
LATION
MATCH IS
ABOUT TO
BEGIN!
WELCOME TO
THE STAGE
OF THE LIAR
GAME!


DEALER
RABELAIS,
AT YOUR
SERVICE.
I WILL BE
IN CHARGE
OF TODAY'S
MATCH.

ANOTHER
WEIRD MASK
ON OUR
HEADS....
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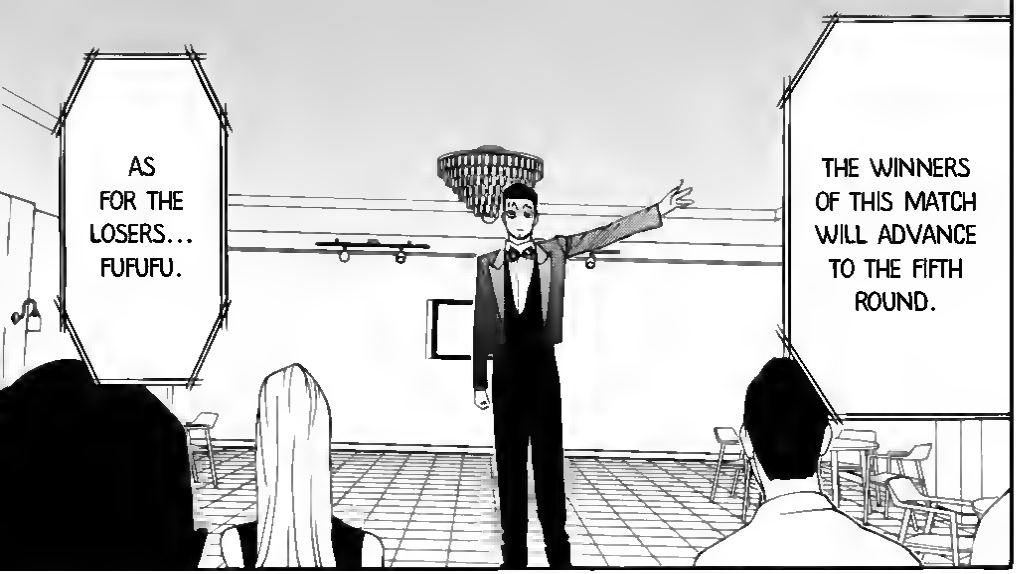
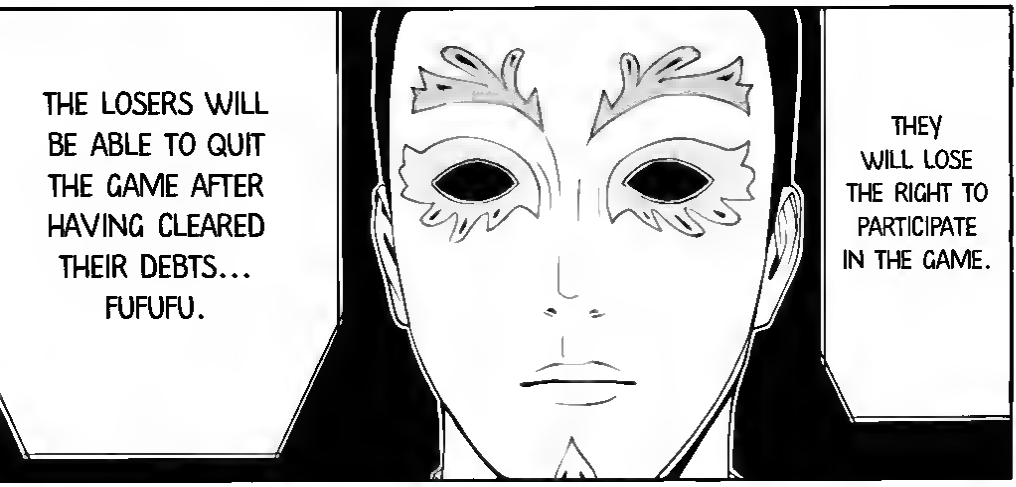

AS FOR THE LOSERS... FUFUFU.
THE WINNERS OF THIS MATCH WILL ADVANCE TO THE FIFTH ROUND.


THE LOSERS WILL BE ABLE TO QUIT THE GAME AFTER HAVING CLEARED THEIR DEBTS... FUFUFU.
THEY WILL LOSE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME.

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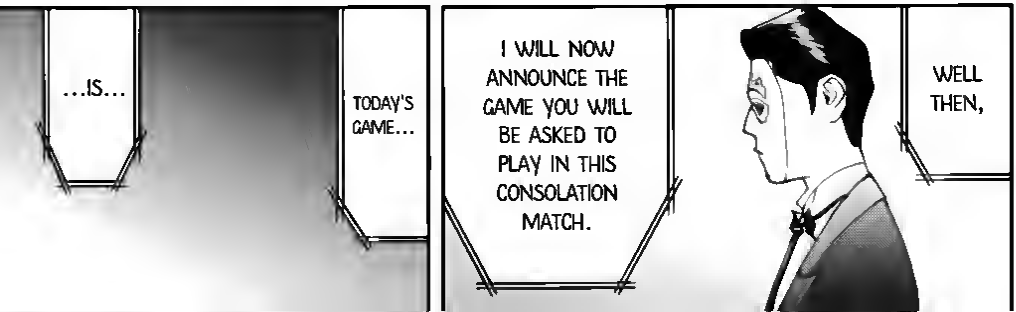
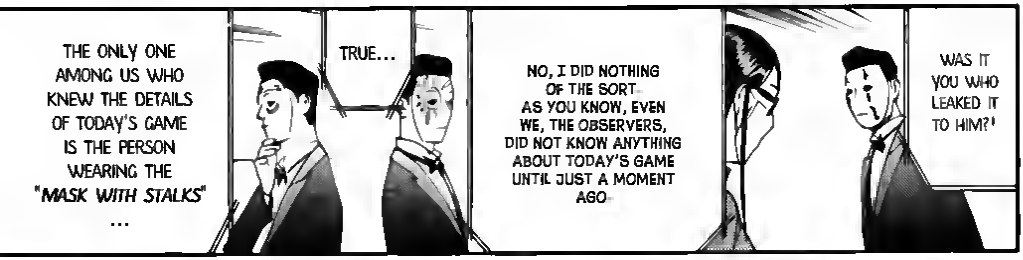

...IS...
TODAY'S GAME...
I WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE GAME YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PLAY IN THIS CONSOLATION MATCH.
WELL THEN,

BID
POKER.
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEH?!

AT THAT MOMENT...
...THE ROOM ERUPTED INTO AN UPROAR.

WHY DID YOKOYA KNOW THE NAME OF THE GAME?!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
BUT THE BAME STAGE WAS NOT THE ONLY PLACE IN AN UPROAR THE OBSERVATION ROOM ALSO WAS IN PANIC.
SFX: OOO - SHOCK


THE ONLY ONE AMONG US WHO KNEW THE DETAILS OF TODAY'S GAME IS THE PERSON WEARING THE "MASK WITH STALKS" ...
TRUE...
NO, I DID NOTHING OF THE SORT. AS YOU KNOW, EVEN WE, THE OBSERVERS, DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT TODAY'S GAME UNTIL JUST A MOMENT AGO.
WAS IT YOU WHO LEAKED IT TO HIM?!

WELL..
SHOULD WE BANISH YOKOYA FROM THE GAME?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THIS IS UN-PRECEDENTED!

ARTIER-SAN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT YOKOYA?
THIS IS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ARTIER-SAN TO DECIDE.
FU FU FU.
FU FU
CONTINUE WITH THE GAME AS PLANNED.
I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH HIM.

LIAR GAME
ライアーゲーム

Chapter 141
Bid poker

TODAY'S GAME IS...
ALLOW ME TO ANNOUNCE THE GAME YOU WILL BE PLAYING!
THE STAGE A DEALER
SILIEN

BID POKER!

POKER...?
BID...
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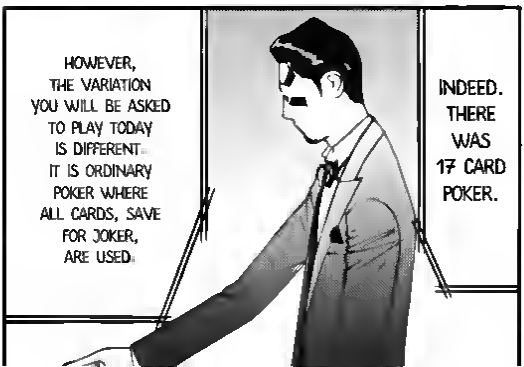
HOWEVER, THE VARIATION YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PLAY TODAY IS DIFFERENT. IT IS ORDINARY POKER WHERE ALL CARDS, SAVE FOR JOKER, ARE USED.
INDEED. THERE WAS 17 CARD POKER.

THE LIAR GAME HAS ALREADY HAD POKER ROUNDS BEFORE...
I TRUST YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH POKER?

IT IS CALLED 'BID POKER' FOR A REASON, AFTER ALL... FUFUFU.
ALTHOUGH, IT IS NOT QUITE RIGHT TO CALL IT 'ORDINARY POKER'.

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE GAME IN DETAILS.
WELL THEN,
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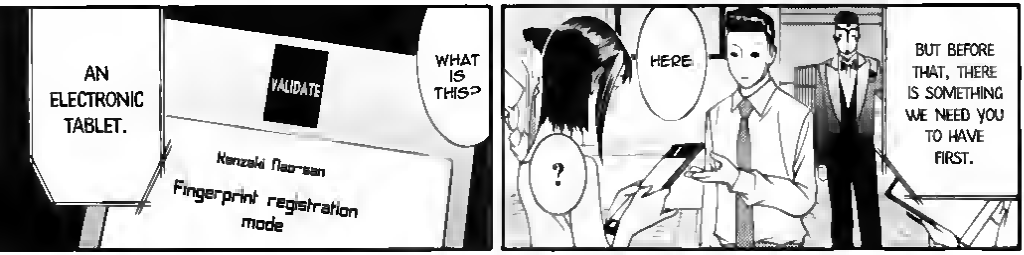
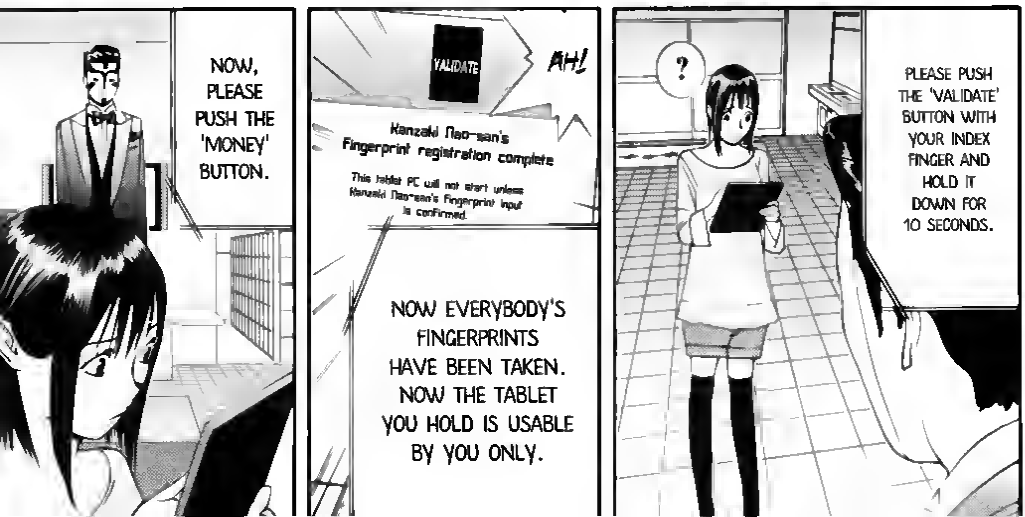
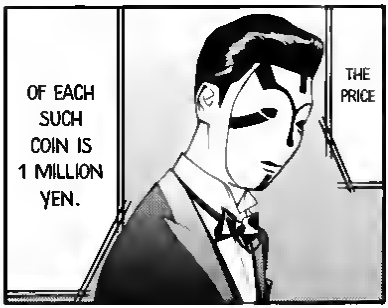

AN ELECTRONIC TABLET.
VALIDATE
Kanzaki Nao-san
Fingerprint registration mode
WHAT IS THIS?
?
HERE
BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE IS SOMETHING WE NEED YOU TO HAVE FIRST.

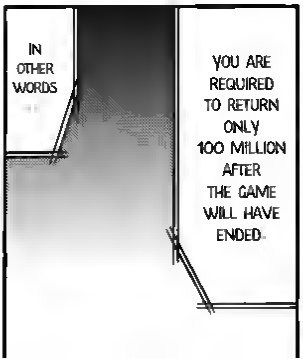

NOW, PLEASE PUSH THE 'MONEY' BUTTON.
VALIDATE
AH!
Kanzaki Nao-san's Fingerprint registration complete
This tablet PC will not start unless Kanzaki Nao-san's Fingerprint input is confirmed.
NOW EVERYBODY'S FINGERPRINTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. NOW THE TABLET YOU HOLD IS USABLE BY YOU ONLY.
?
PLEASE PUSH THE 'VALIDATE' BUTTON WITH YOUR INDEX FINGER AND HOLD IT DOWN FOR 10 SECONDS.

VALIDATE
AH!
HOME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
BID
Money
At the moment you have
300
gold coins


OF EACH SUCH COIN IS 1 MILLION YEN.
THE PRICE

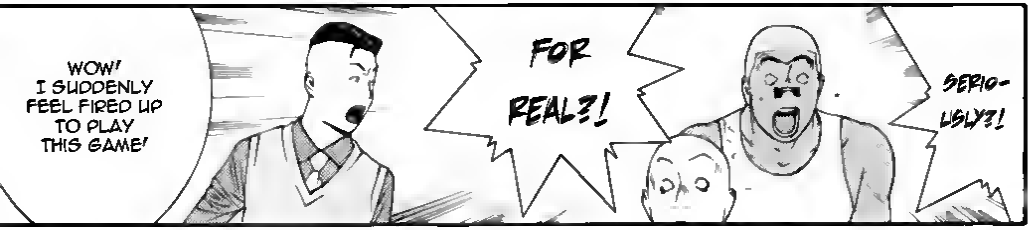
ALL THE PLAYERS WILL START THE GAME WITH 300 GOLD COINS.
YES.
300 GOLD COINS..?

YES, THAT IS RIGHT.
YOU MEAN, UH... EACH OF US GETS 300 MILLION?!
1 COIN COSTS 1 MILLION?!


IN OTHER WORDS...
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN ONLY 100 MILLION AFTER THE GAME WILL HAVE ENDED.

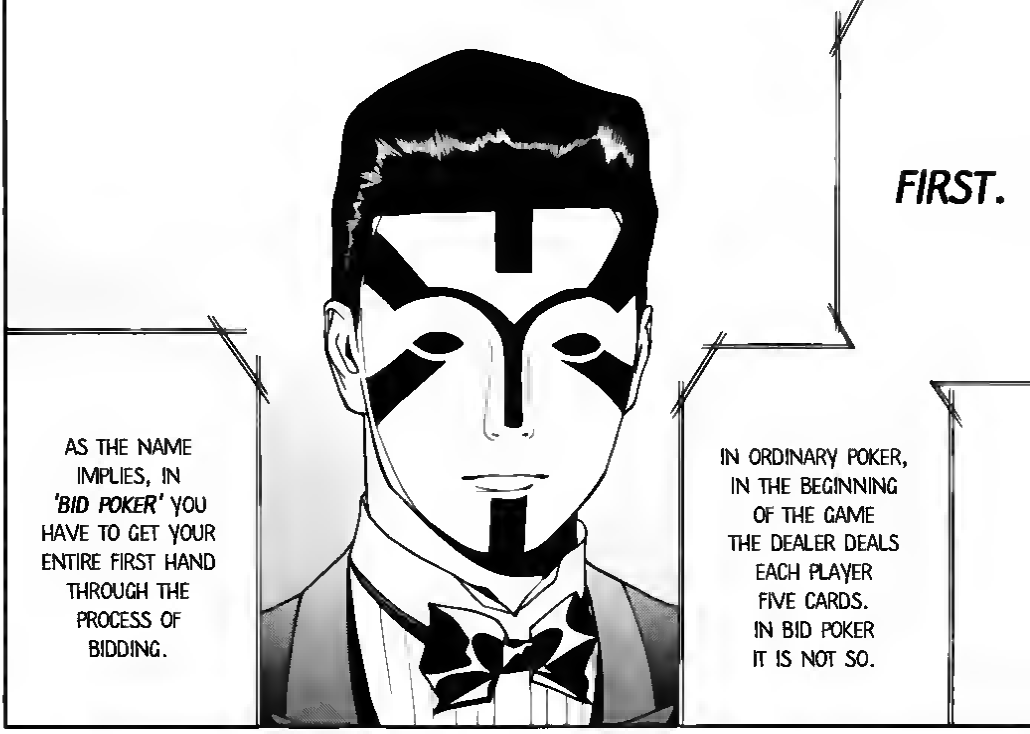
NO, WE WILL NOT
I BET THEY'LL WANT THEIR 300 MILLION BACK ONCE THE GAME IS OVER.
NOTHING GREAT ABOUT IT.
300 MILLION?! GREAT!!!

A NICE BONUS, I WOULD THINK!
WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY 200 MILLION PER PERSON TO YOU!


WOW! I SUDDENLY FEEL FIRED UP TO PLAY THIS GAME!
FOR REAL?!
SERIO-USLY?!

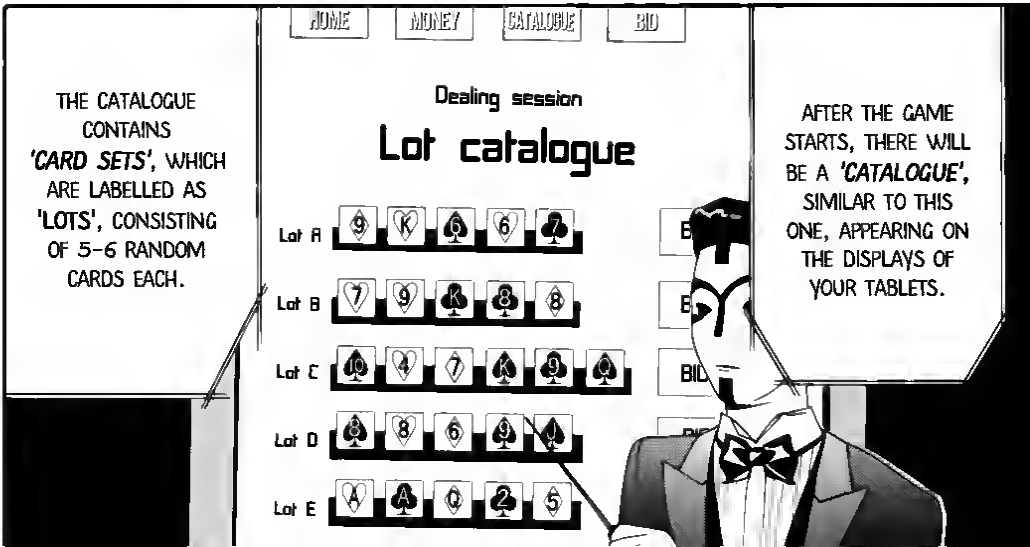
...
WE CAN DO IT!!!
...
WITH 200 MILLION I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF THE DEBT I'VE COLLECTED IN THE PREVIOUS GAMES!

THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT ABOUT 'BID POKER' COMPARED TO ORDINARY POKER.
ALRIGHT— LET US MOVE ON TO THE RULES EXPLANATION, THEN.
WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS 'BID POKER' THING THAT YOU DON'T SEE IN ORDINARY POKER?
YEAH! C'MON, START EXPLAINING THE RULES ALREADY!


FIRST.
AS THE NAME IMPLIES, IN 'BID POKER' YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR ENTIRE FIRST HAND THROUGH THE PROCESS OF BIDDING.
IN ORDINARY POKER, IN THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME THE DEALER DEALS EACH PLAYER FIVE CARDS. IN BID POKER IT IS NOT SO.

YES.. THIS GAME USES THE SAME SYSTEM.
IT'S THAT THING THAT'S USED TO CHOOSE THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, RIGHT?

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH 'COMPETITIVE BIDDING'?


HOME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
BID
Dealing session
Lot catalogue
Lot A
Lot B
Lot C
Lot D
Lot E
THE CATALOGUE CONTAINS 'CARD SETS', WHICH ARE LABELLED AS 'LOTS', CONSISTING OF 5-6 RANDOM CARDS EACH.
AFTER THE GAME STARTS, THERE WILL BE A 'CATALOGUE', SIMILAR TO THIS ONE, APPEARING ON THE DISPLAYS OF YOUR TABLETS.

Lot B

Lot C

Lot D

Lot E

Lot F

EACH CARD SET HAS A UNIQUE LABEL *'LOT A'*, *'LOT B'*, AND SO ON.

BIDDING WILL START WITH 'LOT A' AND CONTINUE FROM THERE IN A SEQUENTIAL ORDER.

BID

ONCE THE BIDDING TIME IS UP, AND THE WINNER OF A LOT IS DECIDED, BIDDING ON THE NEXT LOT WILL START IMMEDIATELY... AND SO ON.

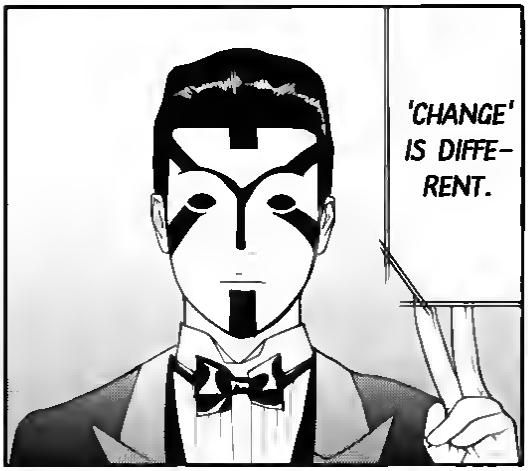
The catalogue is revealed
Consideration time - 30 minutes
↓
Bidding for Lot A - 5 minutes
↓
Bids examination
Announcement of the winner
↓
Bidding for Lot B - 5 minutes
↓

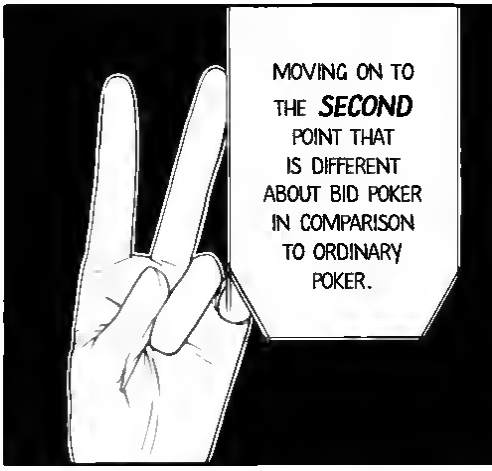
WHEN BIDDING IS OPEN FOR A LOT YOU WISH TO GET, YOU MAY BID BY INPUTTING THE NUMBER OF GOLD COINS YOU ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE LOT TO YOUR TABLETS.

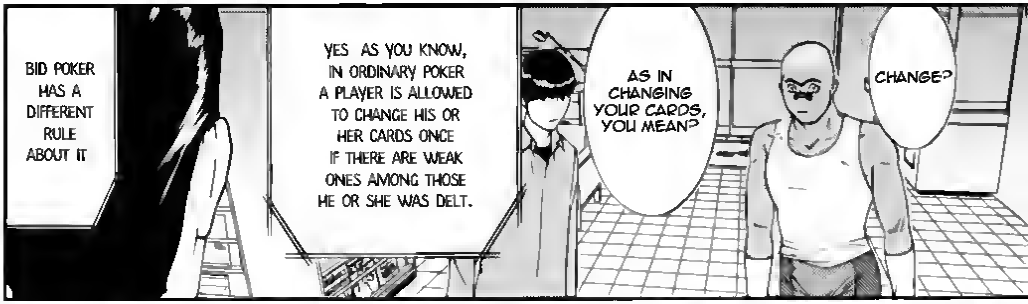
ONCE BIDDING FOR A LOT BEGINS, YOU WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO PLACE YOUR BID.

THAT IS WHY, IF YOU HAVE MADE UP YOUR MIND, ONCE BIDDING FOR THE LOT YOU WANT OPENS, I ADVICE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY PLACE YOUR BID WITHOUT WASTING EVEN A SECOND.
IN THAT CASE, THE PERSON WHO MADE HIS OR HER OFFER FIRST IS CONSIDERED THE WINNER
AND IF A COUPLE OF PEOPLE OFFERED THE SAME HIGHEST PRICE?
NATURALLY, THE HIGHEST BIDDER WILL BECOME THE WINNER OF THE AUCTIONED LOT.

BUT PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ONCE YOU HAVE PLACED YOUR BID ON A LOT, CHANGING OR CANCELLING IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.


'CHANGE' IS DIFFE-RENT.


MOVING ON TO THE SECOND POINT THAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT BID POKER IN COMPARISON TO ORDINARY POKER.


BID POKER HAS A DIFFERENT RULE ABOUT IT
YES AS YOU KNOW, IN ORDINARY POKER A PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO CHANGE HIS OR HER CARDS ONCE IF THERE ARE WEAK ONES AMONG THOSE HE OR SHE WAS DELT.
AS IN CHANGING YOUR CARDS, YOU MEAN?
CHANGE?

HOWEVER...
YOU ARE ALLOWED TO CHANGE YOUR CARDS FIVE TIMES.

YOU CAN GET NEW ONES TO REPLACE THE ONES YOU DISCARDED ONLY THROUGH BIDDING.

WHILE YOU ARE FREE TO DISCARD ANY CARD YOU DO NOT NEED.

I WILL NOW ILLUSTRATE THE CHANGE PROCESS WITH AN EXAMPLE.

!?

!?

NORMALLY, SINCE YOU HAVE ONE PAIR - 6 OF SPADES AND 6 OF HEARTS - YOU WOULD WANT TO CHANGE THE OTHER THREE CARDS YOU HAVE.

LET US ASSUME YOU HAVE GOT THIS CARD SET AS YOUR FIRST HAND.

AFTER THE TEN MINUTES CHANGE PERIOD IS OVER, YOU WILL SEE THE CHANGE CATALOGUE DISPLAYED ON YOUR TABLETS.

Change session

The 1st change session is now open

Please select the cards you want to change

YOU CAN DO SO WITHIN 10 MINUTES BY SELECTING THE THREE CARDS YOU WANT TO CHANGE ON THE TOUCHSCREEN OF YOUR TABLET.

Lot Catalogue

Lot A — BID

Lot B — BID

Lot C — BID

Lot D — BID

Lot E — BID

Lot F — BID

THE CARD SETS IT COMPRISED OF ARE ALSO LABELLED 'LOT A', 'LOT B', ETC., LIKE IN THE PREVIOUS CATALOGUE.

IT WILL LOOK SIMILAR TO THIS.

THESE LOTS, LIKE IN THE PREVIOUS CASE, WILL ALSO BE THE SUBECTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

THE LOTS ARE GIVEN LETTERS A, B AND SO ON *IN THE ORDER OF THEIR REGISTRATION.*

YOU CAN PLACE YOUR BID ON THAT LOT VIA YOUR TABLET WITHIN THE TIME ALOTTED TO BIDDING.

Lot F

Your hand

Three of a kind of sixes

IN OUR EXAMPLE, SINCE YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE-PAIR OF SIXES, IF YOU SUCCEED IN WINNING LOT F, YOU WILL HAVE THREE OF A KIND.

AND THE HIGHEST BIDDER WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER OF AN AUCTIONED LOT.

ONCE THE FIVE MINUTES BIDDING TIME IS UP, THE BIDS WILL BE EVALUATED,

THE FIRST CHANGE SESSION IS COMPLETE WHEN THE WINNER OF THE LAST LOT IS DETERMINED.

The proceeding of the 1st change session

- Change of cards starts - 10 minutes
- The catalogue is revealed
  Consideration time - 30 minutes
- Bidding for Lot A - 5 minutes
- Bids examination
  Announcement of the winner
- Bidding for Lot B - 5 minutes
- Bids examination
  Announcement of the winner
- ⋮

THIS PROCESS WILL BE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES.

THE PROCEDURE WILL BE REPEATED FIVE TIMES IN TOTAL.

THE STRENGTH OF ONE'S HAND IS DETERMINIED IN THE SAME WAY AS IN ORDINARY POKER

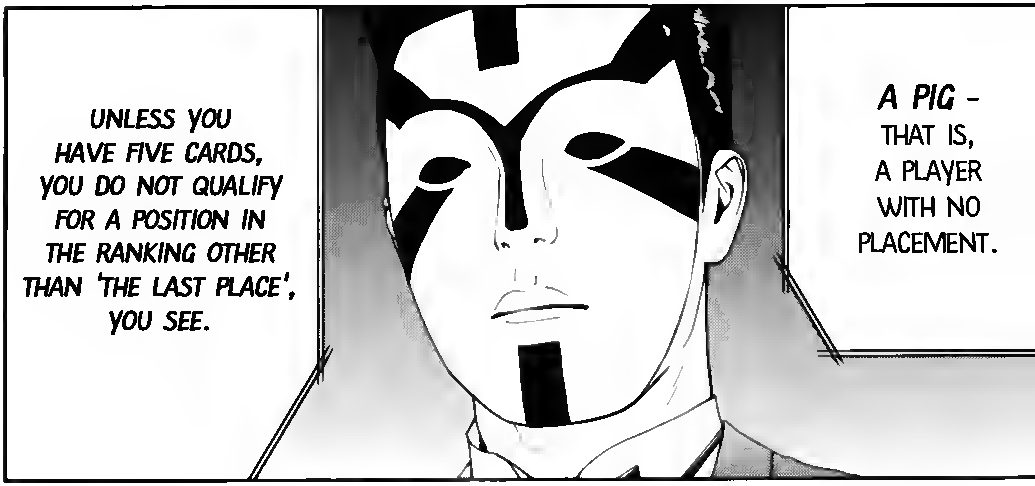
Strongest

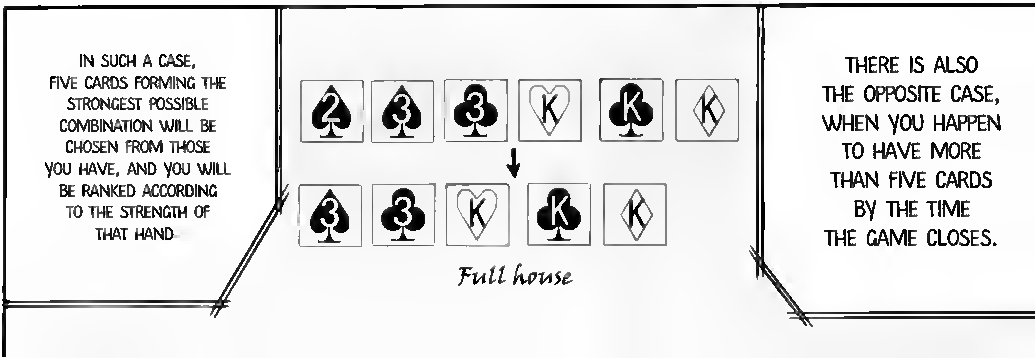
- Royal straight flush
- Straight flush
- Four of a kind
- Full house
- Flush
- Straight
- Three of a kind
- Two-pair
- One-pair
- High-card (no value)

AFTER THE FIFTH SESSION, THE GAME CLOSES, AND THE PLAYERS WILL BE RANKED ACCORDING TO THE STRENGTH OF THE HAND THEY HAVE BY THE END OF THE GAME.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?
IT'S ALL NICE AND COOL IF YOU MANAGE TO OUTBID THE OTHERS AND WIN THE CARDS YOU NEED, BUT WHAT IF YOU JUST LOSE IN BIDDING AND BY THE END OF THE GAME END UP WITH ONLY TWO CARDS - THAT ONE-PAIR OF SIXES YOU HAD FROM THE START, FOR EXAMPLE...

IN THAT CASE YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED...
FUFUFU... A GOOD QUESTION.


UNLESS YOU HAVE FIVE CARDS, YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR A POSITION IN THE RANKING OTHER THAN 'THE LAST PLACE', YOU SEE.
A PIG - THAT IS, A PLAYER WITH NO PLACEMENT.


IN SUCH A CASE, FIVE CARDS FORMING THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE COMBINATION WILL BE CHOSEN FROM THOSE YOU HAVE, AND YOU WILL BE RANKED ACCORDING TO THE STRENGTH OF THAT HAND.
Full house
THERE IS ALSO THE OPPOSITE CASE, WHEN YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE MORE THAN FIVE CARDS BY THE TIME THE GAME CLOSES.

I get it_

Alright_

THE *THIRD* DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BID POKER AND ORDINARY POKER

IS

THE SCORING SYSTEM.

I HAVE ALREADY TOUCHED UPON THIS BRIEFLY, BUT NOW I WILL EXPLAIN IT PROPERLY. IN BID POKER, AFTER THE GAME ENDS, YOU WILL BE RANKED ACCORDING TO THE STRENGTH OF YOUR HAND.

IN ORDINARY POKER THE PLAYER IN POSESSION OF THE BEST HAND TAKES ALL THE MONEY.

1st	Four of a kind	Player D
2nd	Full house	Player H
3rd	Three of a kind, A	Player N
4th	Three of a kind, 7	Player A
5th	Three of a kind, 3	Player E
6th	Two-pair, K	Player K
7th	Two-pair, J	Player S

I win! The winner takes it all!

Straight

Two pair

One pair

!

AS TO WHO WILL ADVANCE TO THE NEXT ROUND...

IN CONTRAST, THE PLAYER WHO RANKED LAST WILL GET A MINUS REWARD, THAT IS, A DEBT.

1st place	+100 million
2nd place	+40 million
3rd place	+10 million
Last place	-150 million

THE MONETARY REWARD WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE PLAYERS WHO RANKED 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD.

THE REST OF YOU WILL ADVANCE TO THE FIFTH ROUND.
ONLY THE PERSON WHO PLACED LAST WILL LOSE THEIR RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE LIAR GAME.

FUFUFU... BY THE WAY,
So we just need to make sure not to finish in last huh_
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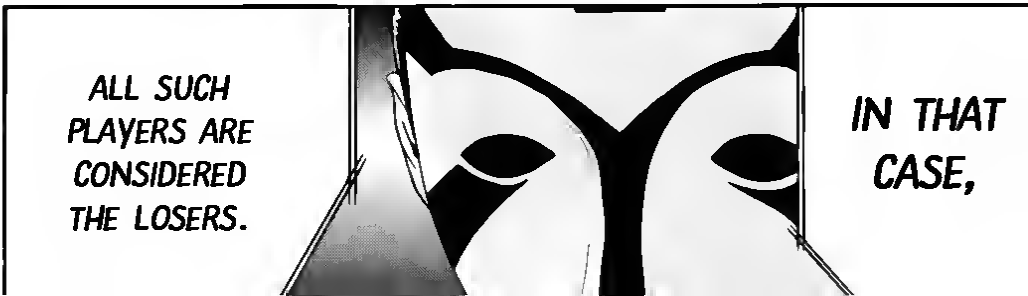
SINCE PIGS CANNOT BE RANKED, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT THE LAST PLACE WOULD BE SHARED BETWEEN TWO OR THREE PLAYERS.
IT SHOULD BE FAIRLY OBVIOUS, BUT THERE MIGHT BE MORE THAN ONE PLAYER WHO WOULD PLACE LAST.


ALL SUCH PLAYERS ARE CONSIDERED THE LOSERS.
IN THAT CASE,

1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Last place	Last place
200 mil	80 mil	20 mil	-150 mil	-150 mil

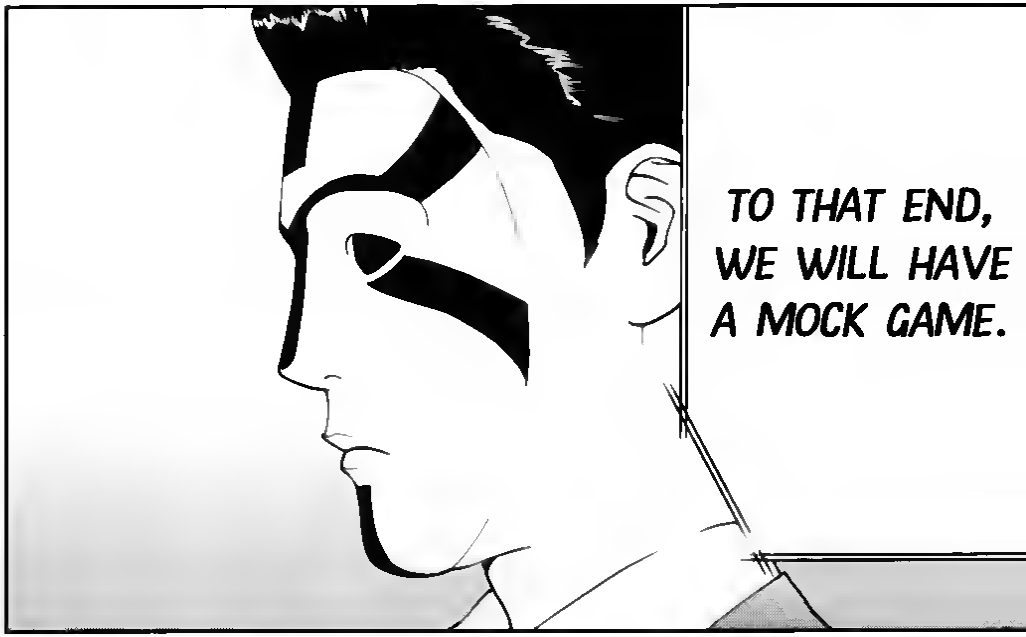
FOR EXAMPLE, IF THERE ARE TWO LOSERS, THE PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS

IF THERE ARE SEVERAL PLAYERS SHARING THE LAST PLACE, THE MONETARY REWARD FOR THE HIGHEST RANKING PLAYERS WILL INCREASE ACCORDINGLY.

1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Last place	Last place	Last place
300 mil	120 mil	30 mil	-150 mil	-150 mil	-150 mil

IF THERE ARE THREE LOSERS, THE MONEY DISTRIBUTION WILL LOOK LIKE THIS

I BELIEVE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND BETTER WHEN YOU SEE HOW THESE RULES WORK IN PRACTICAL APPLICATION.
WELL,
NO QUESTIONS, I SEE...


TO THAT END, WE WILL HAVE A MOCK GAME.

ANY VOLUN-TEERS?
WE WILL REDUCE THE SCALE
BUT, SINCE WE HAVE NO TIME TO HOLD A MOCK GAME WITH EVERYBODY PARTICIPATING,
AND HAVE A GAME WITH ONLY FOUR PAR-TICIPANTS.

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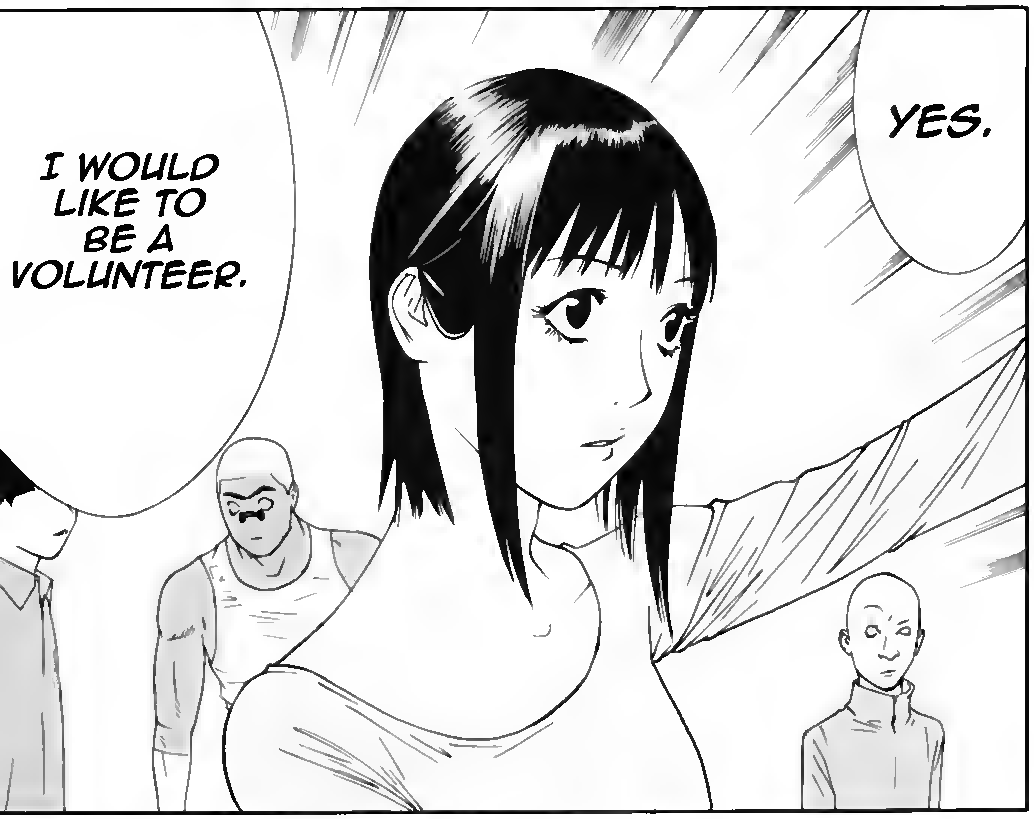
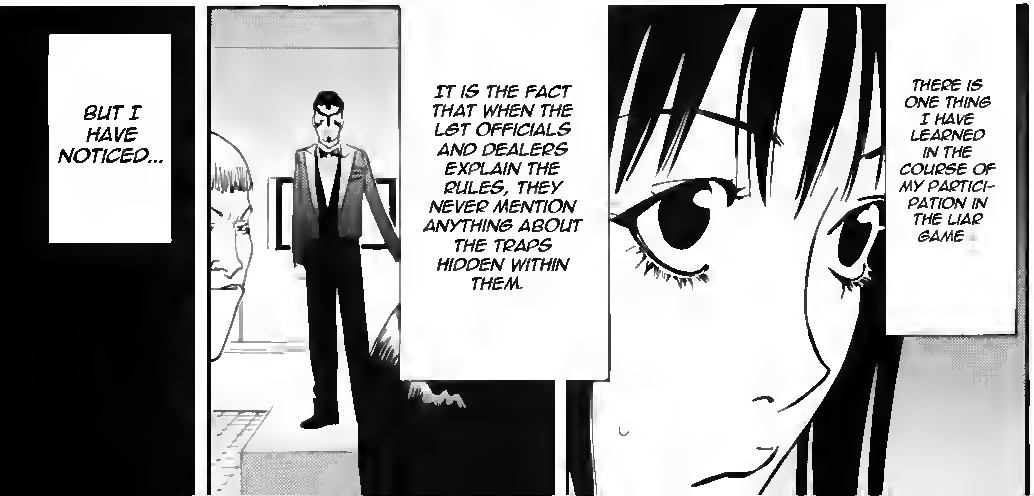
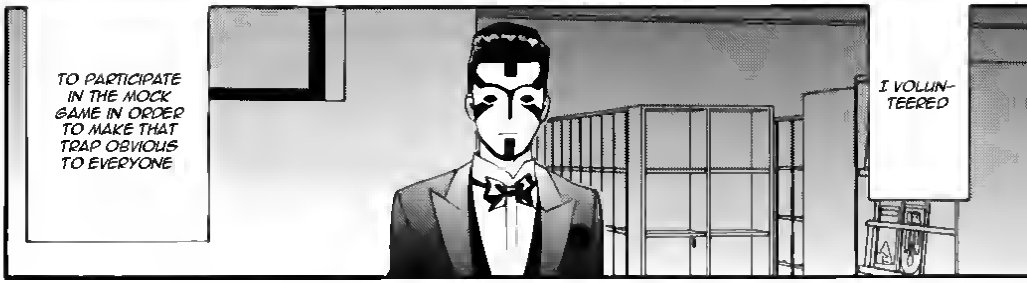
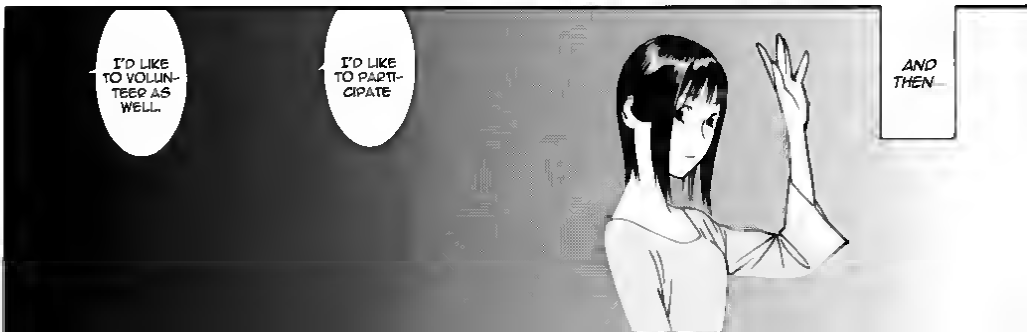



BUT I HAVE NOTICED...
IT IS THE FACT THAT WHEN THE LST OFFICIALS AND DEALERS EXPLAIN THE RULES, THEY NEVER MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE TRAPS HIDDEN WITHIN THEM.
THERE IS ONE THING I HAVE LEARNED IN THE COURSE OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE LIAR GAME

...THAT THERE IS A BIG TRAP IN THIS GAME.


TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOCK GAME IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT TRAP OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE
I VOLUNTEERED


I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AS WELL.
I'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
AND THEN

Mikamoto-san_
Kimura-san_

TO BE CONTINUED

List of poker hands

♦ Royal straight flush

※ The A K Q J 10 of a suit in sequence

♦ Straight flush

※ 5 cards in sequence of the same suit

♦ Four of a kind

※ 4 cards of the same rank

♦ Full house

※ 3 cards of the same rank 2 cards of a different matching rank

♦ Flush

※ 5 cards of the same suit

♦ Straight

※ 5 cards in sequence

♦ Three of a kind

※ 3 cards of the same rank

♦ Two-pair

※ 2 cards of a matching rank, 2 more cards of a another matching rank

♦ One-pair

※ 2 cards of a matching rank

♦ High-card = Pig (no placement)

※ Any hand that does not fall under the listed above

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Growth

LIAR GAME

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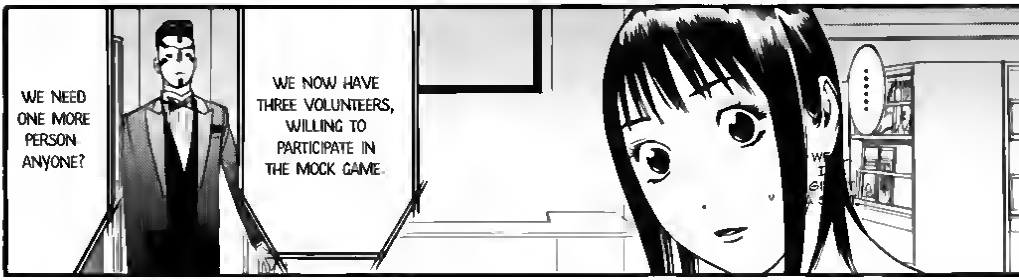
ME, TOO.
I'D LIKE TO PARTI-CIPATE


WE NEED ONE MORE PERSON ANYONE?
WE NOW HAVE THREE VOLUNTEERS, WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOCK GAME.
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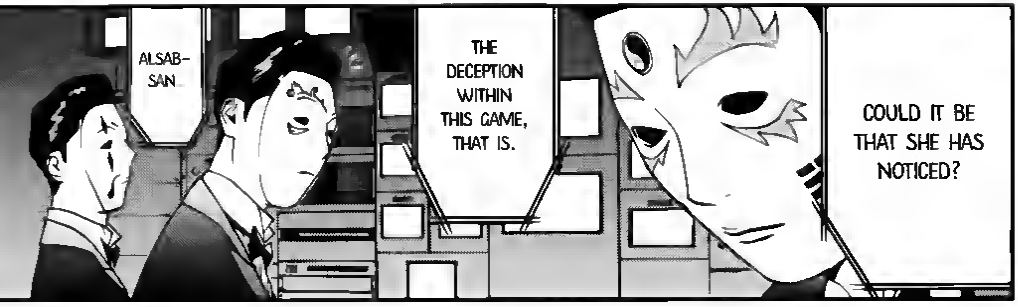
PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE STEP FORWARD.
GREAT. WE WILL NOW COMMENCE THE MOCK GAME WITH THESE FOUR PLAYERS.
I'LL DO IT

KANZAKI NAO IMMEDIATELY RAISED HER HAND, EH.
FUFUFU. SO THESE FOUR WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE MOCK GAME, HUH.


ALSAB-SAN
THE DECEPTION WITHIN THIS GAME, THAT IS.
COULD IT BE THAT SHE HAS NOTICED?

24 RANDOMLY CHOSEN CARDS WILL BE USED FOR THIS GAME, AND THERE WILL BE *ONE CHANGE* SESSION.
WE HAVE THESE FOUR PLAYERS.
WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THE MOCK GAME, SO WE WILL GO WITH A SCALED DOWN VERSION OF THE REAL GAME.

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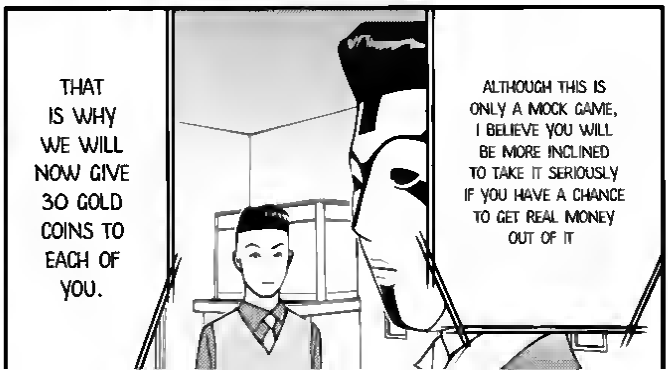
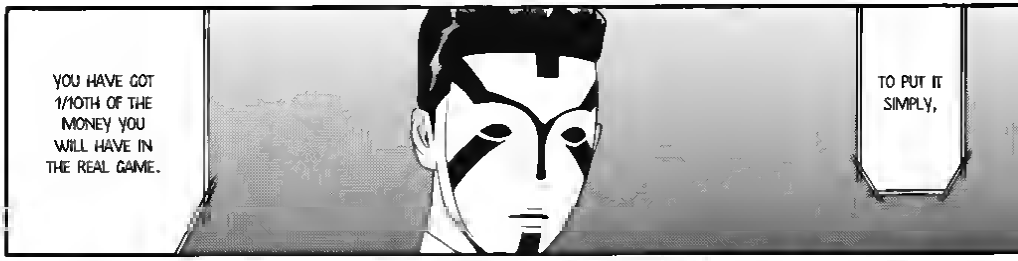
PLEASE SEND THE MONEY!

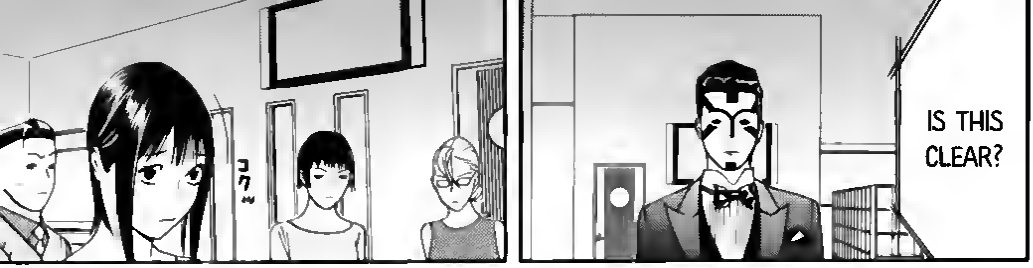

THAT IS WHY WE WILL NOW GIVE 30 GOLD COINS TO EACH OF YOU.
ALTHOUGH THIS IS ONLY A MOCK GAME, I BELIEVE YOU WILL BE MORE INCLINED TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO GET REAL MONEY OUT OF IT

WOW!
VALIDATE
HOME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
BID
Money
At the moment you have
30
gold coins

YES... WE GAVE YOU THIS MONEY TO USE IN THE MOCK GAME... HOWEVER, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN 10 COINS AFTER THE GAME ENDS.
THE MONEY MENU NOW SHOWS 30 GOLD COINS!


YOU HAVE GOT 1/10TH OF THE MONEY YOU WILL HAVE IN THE REAL GAME.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY,

YOU WILL GET 10 COINS FOR THE 1ST PLACE, 4 COINS FOR THE 2ND, AND 1 COIN FOR THE 3RD, AND THE PLAYER WHO COMES IN LAST, WILL HAVE A DEBT OF 15 COINS.
YOUR REWARD WILL ALSO BE 1/10TH OF THE REAL GAME'S PRIZE MONEY.



SFX KOKU - NOD

The proceeding of the mock game

Dealing session:

1. *The catalogue is published*
   Consideration time (3 minutes)
2. *Bidding period for Lot A (30 seconds)*
3. *Bids examination; the winner announcement*
4. *Bidding period for Lot B (30 seconds)*

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Change session:

1. *Changing cards period (1 minute)*
2. *The catalogue is published*
   Consideration time (3 minutes)
3. *Bidding period for Lot A (30 seconds)*
4. *Bids examination; the winner announcement*
5. *Bidding period for Lot B (30 seconds)*

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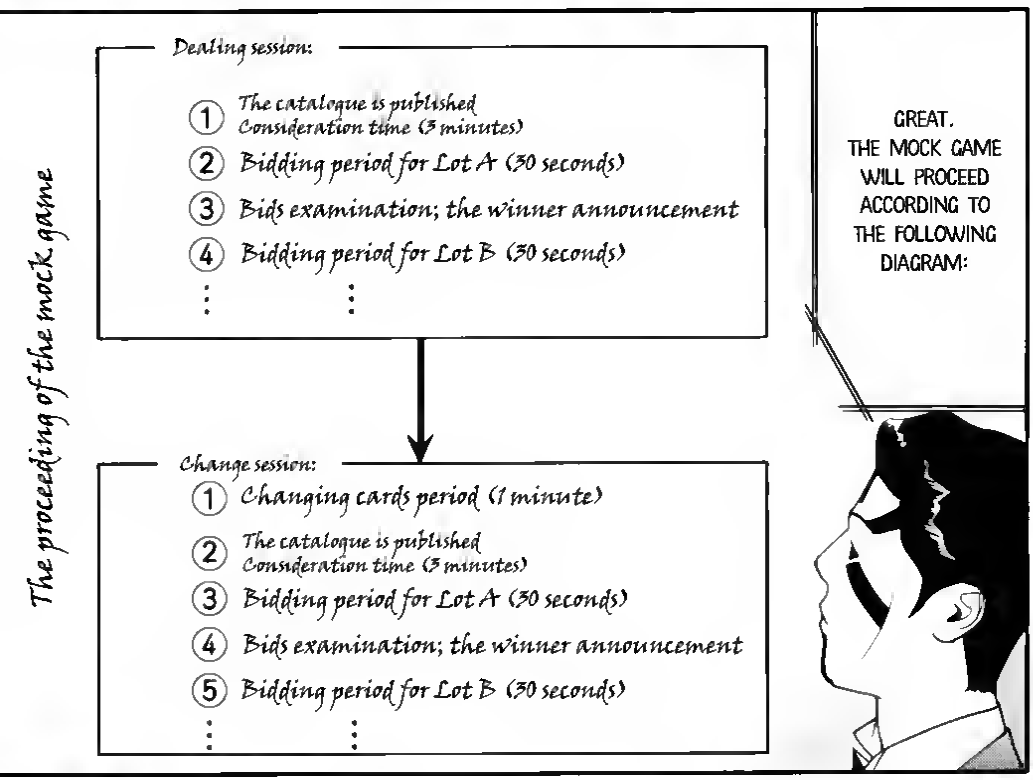
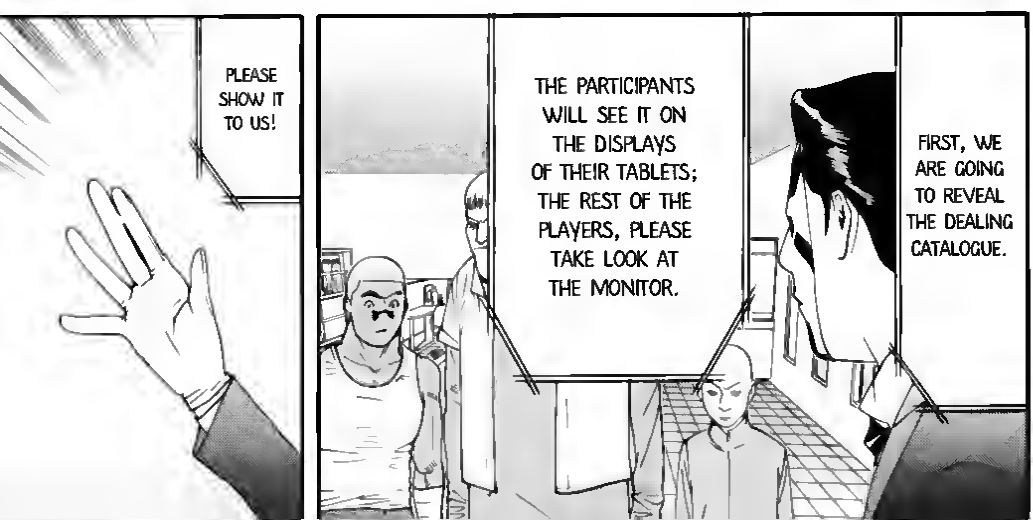
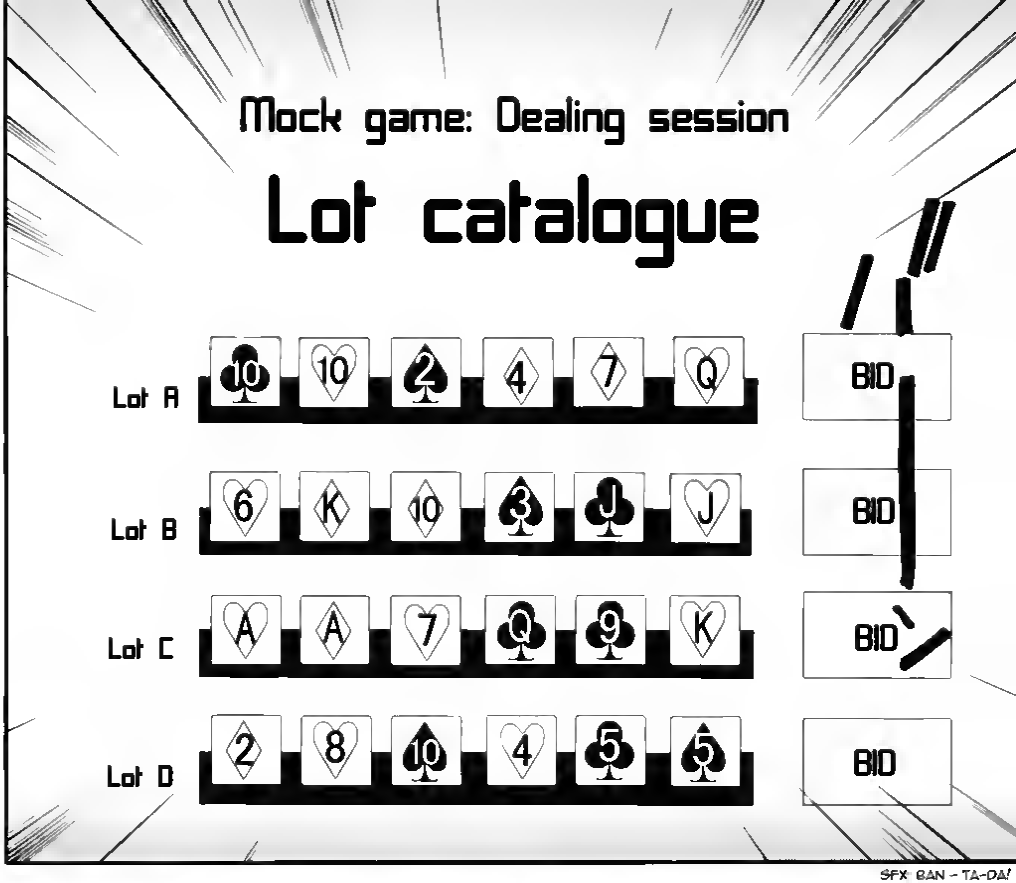



PLEASE SHOW IT TO US!
THE PARTICIPANTS WILL SEE IT ON THE DISPLAYS OF THEIR TABLETS; THE REST OF THE PLAYERS, PLEASE TAKE LOOK AT THE MONITOR.
FIRST, WE ARE GOING TO REVEAL THE DEALING CATALOGUE.



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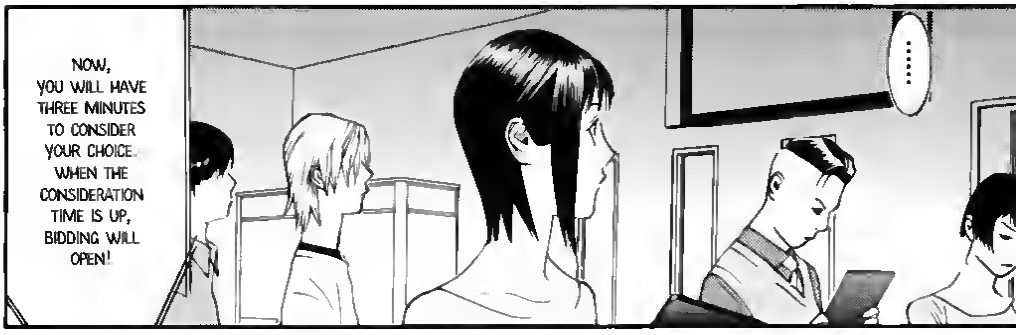

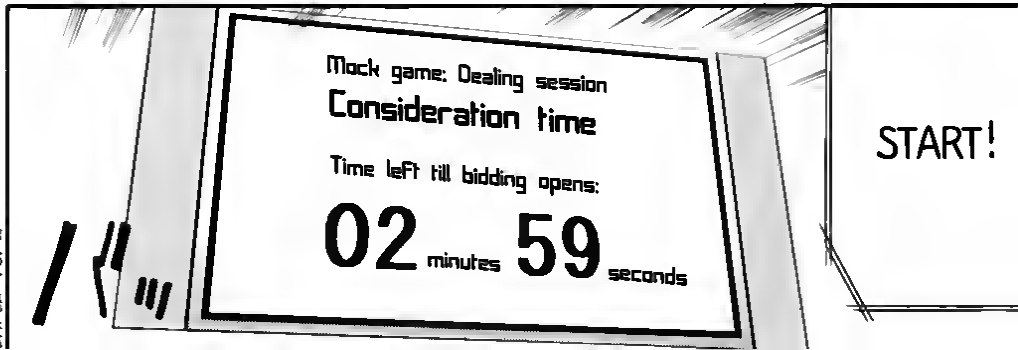

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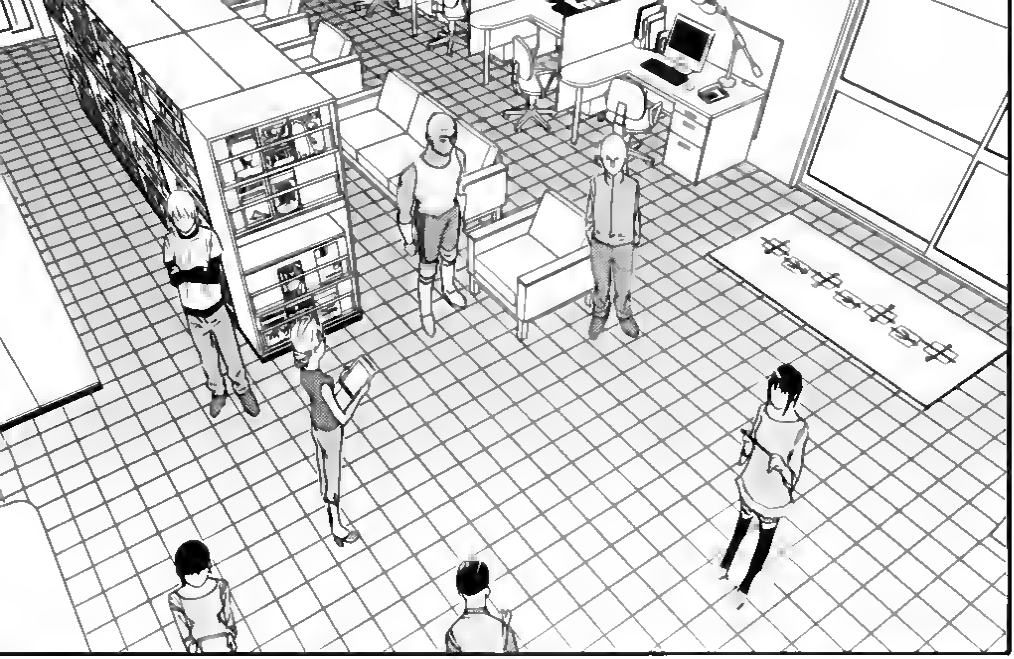
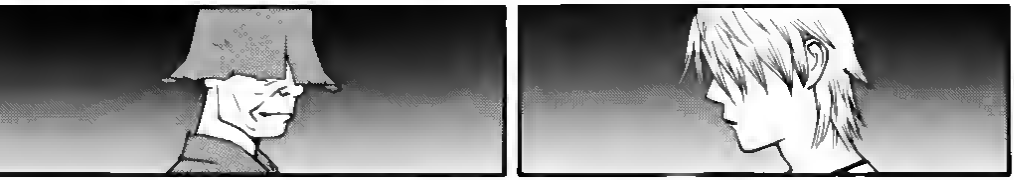
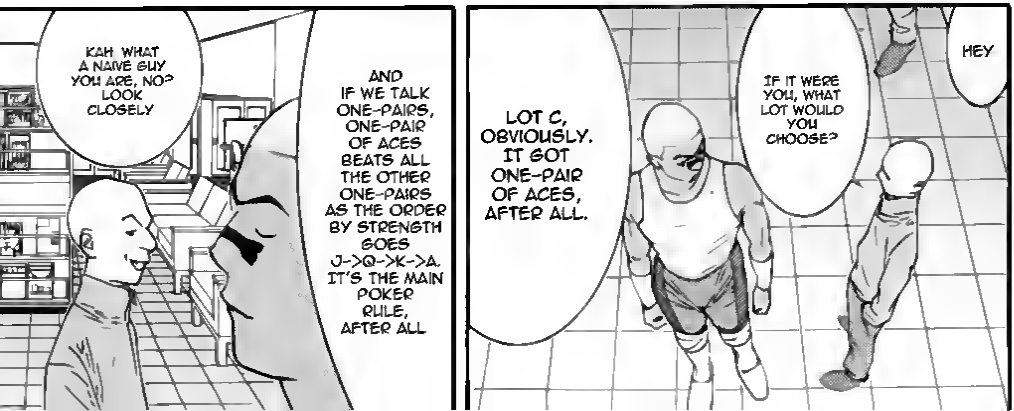





KAH WHAT A NAIVE GUY YOU ARE, NO? LOOK CLOSELY
AND IF WE TALK ONE-PAIRS, ONE-PAIR OF ACES BEATS ALL THE OTHER ONE-PAIRS AS THE ORDER BY STRENGTH GOES J->Q->K->A. IT'S THE MAIN POKER RULE, AFTER ALL
LOT C, OBVIOUSLY. IT GOT ONE-PAIR OF ACES, AFTER ALL.
IF IT WERE YOU, WHAT LOT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
HEY

Lot A

Lot B

THAT IS, THE ONLY FOUR OF A KIND YOU CAN ASSEMBLE WITH THESE CARDS IS OF TENS.

ONLY TENS ARE ALL PRESENT AMONG THESE 24 CARDS.

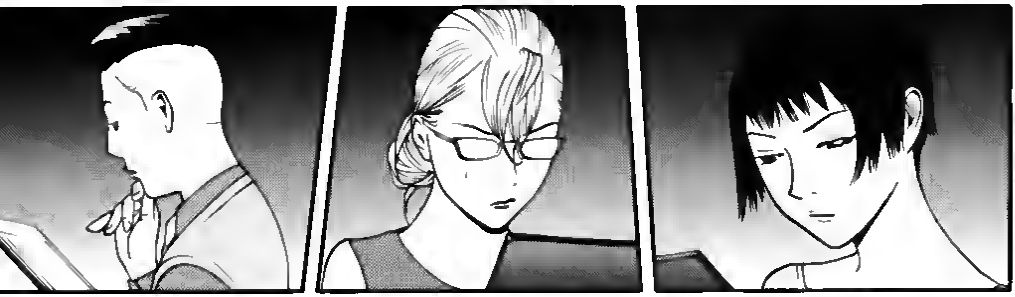
YEP, THAT'S HOW YOU GOTTA PLAY THIS GAME, IN MY OPINION

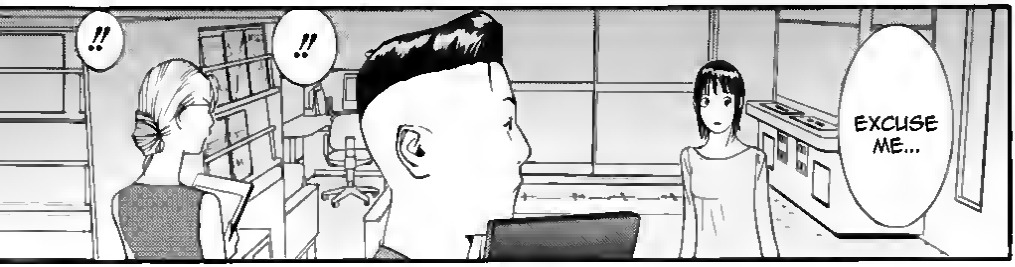
AH, I GET... SO IT'S BETTER TO AIM FOR LOT A THAT ALREADY GOT ONE-PAIR OF TENS...

SIGH

Mock game: Dealing session

Lot catalogue

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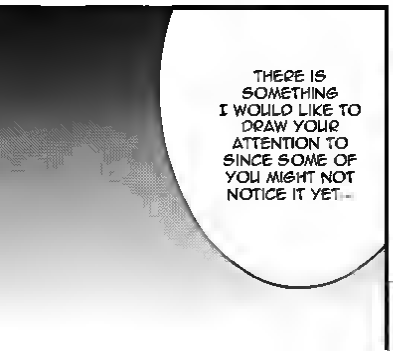
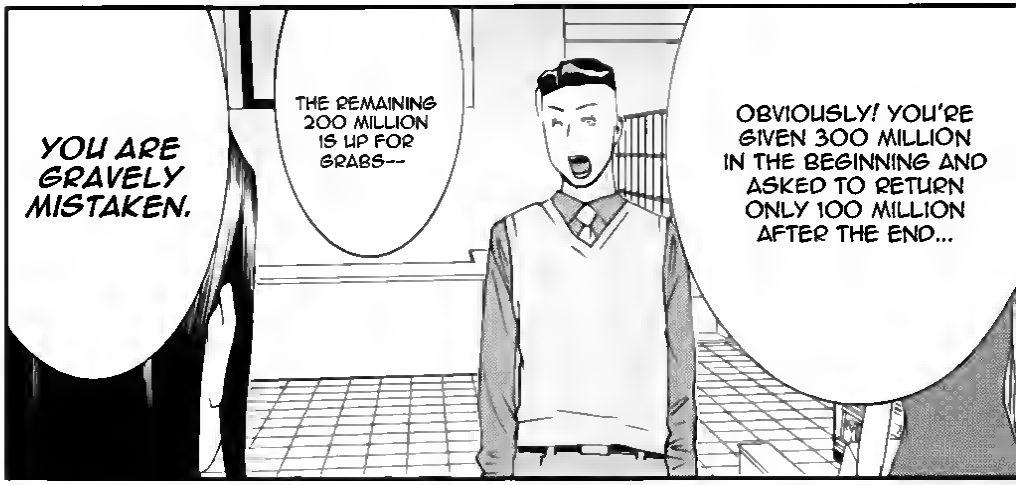
EXCUSE ME...

THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL TELL YOU, IS THERE
HUH?
UM...

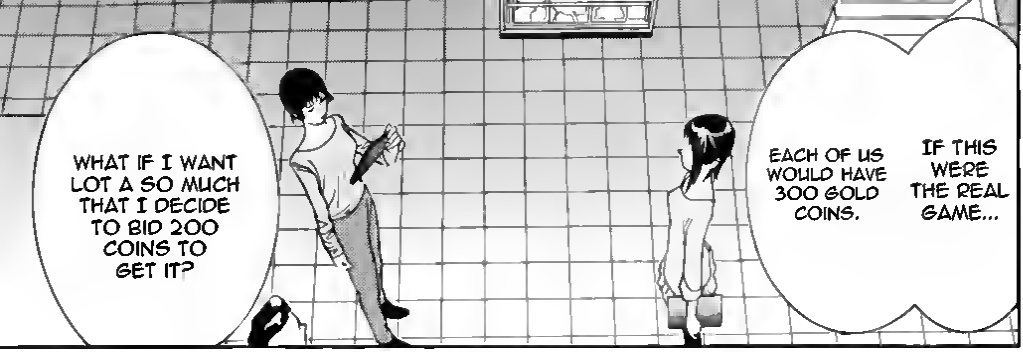

THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO SINCE SOME OF YOU MIGHT NOT NOTICE IT YET--

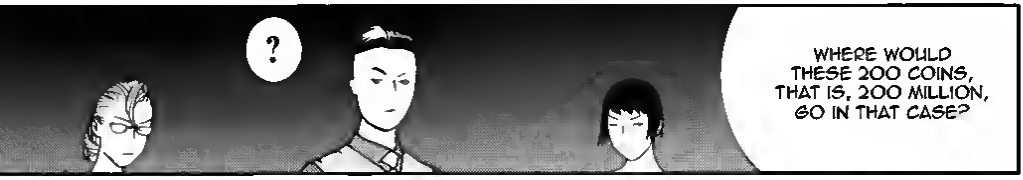
HOW MANY COINS IS EACH OF YOU GOING TO BID?

IS THIS WHAT YOU THINK?
THIS IS A GAME WHERE EVERYONE CAN MAKE A PROFIT OF 200 MILLION...


YOU ARE GRAVELY MISTAKEN.
THE REMAINING 200 MILLION IS UP FOR GRABS--
OBVIOUSLY! YOU'RE GIVEN 300 MILLION IN THE BEGINNING AND ASKED TO RETURN ONLY 100 MILLION AFTER THE END...

PLEASE CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY ONCE AGAIN.
YOU ARE BEING FOOLED.


WHAT IF I WANT LOT A SO MUCH THAT I DECIDE TO BID 200 COINS TO GET IT?
EACH OF US WOULD HAVE 300 GOLD COINS.
IF THIS WERE THE REAL GAME...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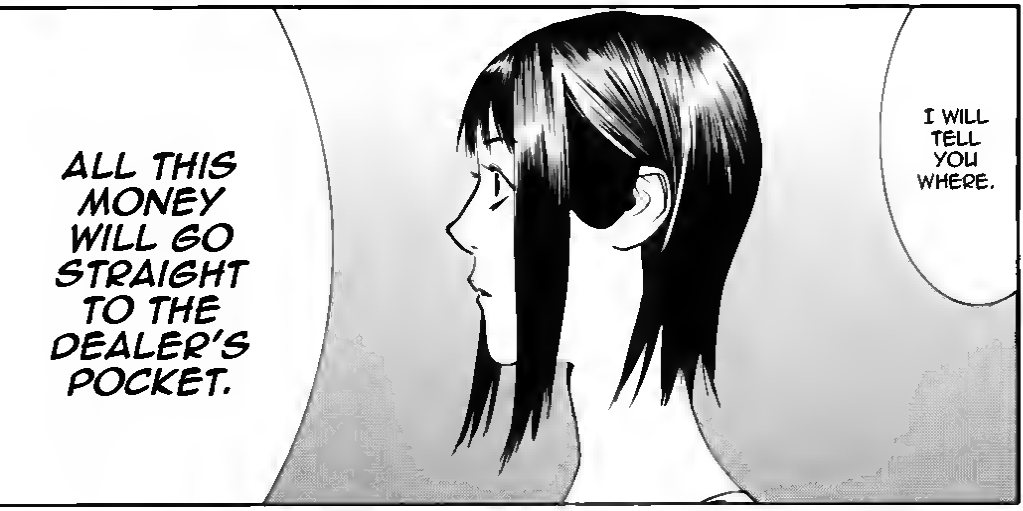
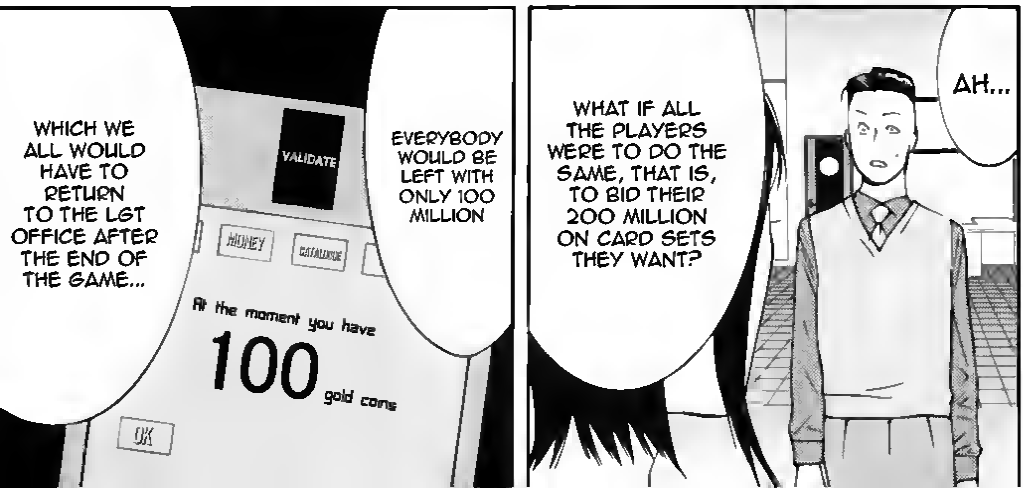
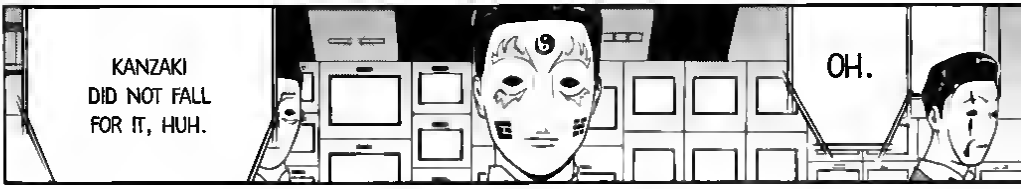
WHERE WOULD THESE 200 COINS, THAT IS, 200 MILLION, GO IN THAT CASE?


ALL THIS MONEY WILL GO STRAIGHT TO THE DEALER'S POCKET.
I WILL TELL YOU WHERE.

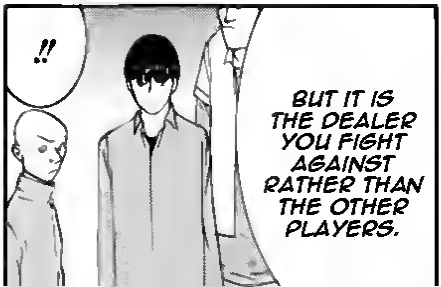

WHICH WE ALL WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO THE 1ST OFFICE AFTER THE END OF THE GAME...
EVERYBODY WOULD BE LEFT WITH ONLY 100 MILLION
WHAT IF ALL THE PLAYERS WERE TO DO THE SAME, THAT IS, TO BID THEIR 200 MILLION ON CARD SETS THEY WANT?
AH...
VALIDATE
MONEY
CATALOGUE
At the moment you have
100
gold coins
OK

IN OTHER WORDS,
THERE WOULD BE NO PROFIT, NO BONUS AT ALL!

I GOT DISTRACTED BY ALL THAT SWEET TALK ABOUT GETTING 200 MILLION AND HAVEN'T NOTICED THIS AT ALL!
AAH!


KANZAKI DID NOT FALL FOR IT, HUH.
OH.

INSTEAD OF GETTING A BONUS, IN THIS GAME WE ALL RISK TO END UP IN EVEN BIGGER DEBT.
YES.
SO IF YOU BID TOO MUCH, YOU'LL BE PUTTING A NOOSE AROUND YOUR OWN NECK, HUH
WHOA...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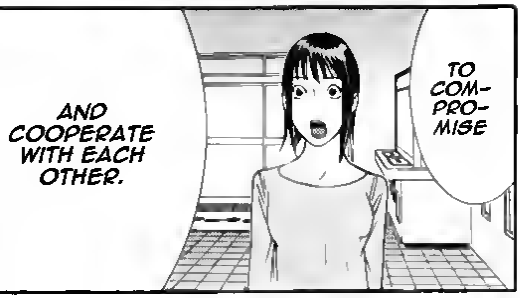
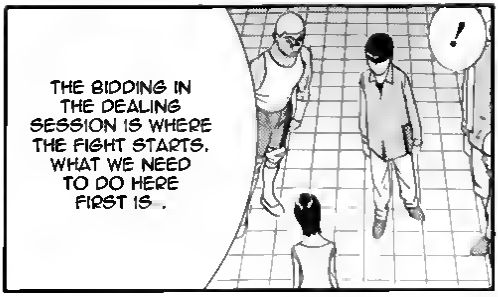
BUT IT IS THE DEALER YOU FIGHT AGAINST RATHER THAN THE OTHER PLAYERS.

THIS GAME IS NO EXCEPTION IT MAY SEEM LIKE A GAME WHERE YOU FIGHT AGAINST YOUR FELLOW PLAYERS,
THIS KIND OF TRAP IS ALWAYS HIDDEN SOME-WHERE IN THE GAMES OF THE LIAR GAME TOURNAMENT.

NOT THE PLAYERS!
THE REAL ENEMY HERE IS THE DEALER!


AND COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER.
TO COM-PRO-MISE


THE BIDDING IN THE DEALING SESSION IS WHERE THE FIGHT STARTS. WHAT WE NEED TO DO HERE FIRST IS .
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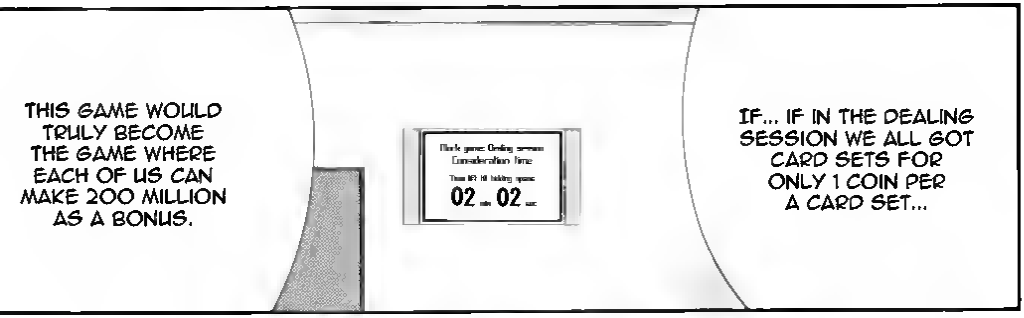
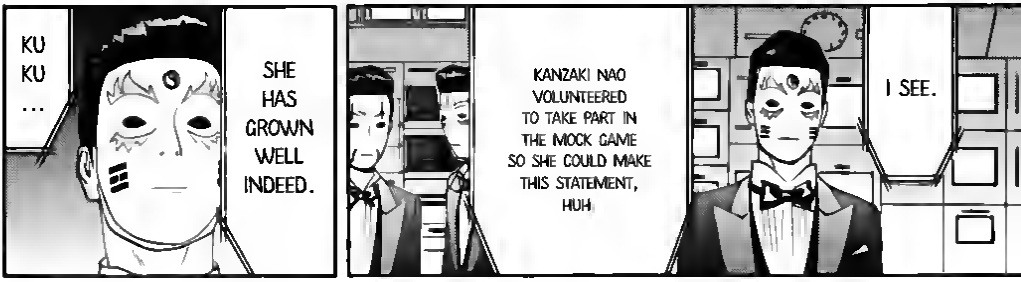

THIS GAME WOULD TRULY BECOME THE GAME WHERE EACH OF US CAN MAKE 200 MILLION AS A BONUS.
Black game: Ending sermon
Consideration time
02 sec. 02 sec.
IF... IF IN THE DEALING SESSION WE ALL GOT CARD SETS FOR ONLY 1 COIN PER A CARD SET...

LET US ALL HELP EACH OTHER!
LET US ALL CO-OPERATE!

OTHERWISE, EVERYTHING WILL GO JUST AS THE LGT OFFICE WANTS IT TO, AND WE ALL WILL DROWN!


KU KU ...
SHE HAS GROWN WELL INDEED.
KANZAKI NAO VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE PART IN THE MOCK GAME SO SHE COULD MAKE THIS STATEMENT, HUH
I SEE.

AND I UNDERSTAND THEIR SENTIMENTS
I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK SO
"THE LIAR GAME IS A GAME OF DECEPTION WHERE COOPERATING IS IMPOSSIBLE."
BUT...

I PROPOSE WE START FIGHTING ONLY DURING THE CHANGE SESSIONS.

THOSE WANTING TO USE DECEPTION WILL BE ABLE TO DO IT TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT!
LET US DO OUR BEST THEN!
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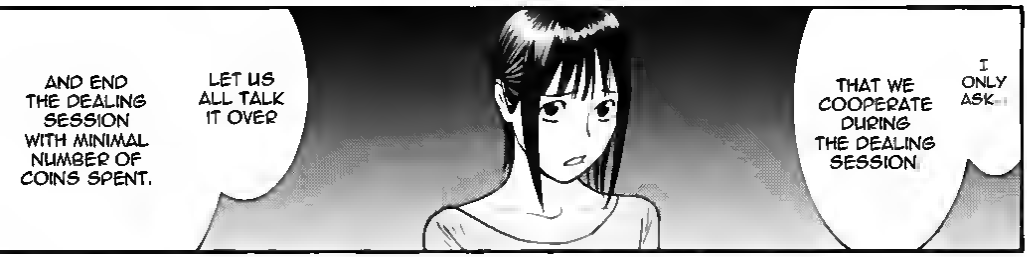

AND END THE DEALING SESSION WITH MINIMAL NUMBER OF COINS SPENT.
LET US ALL TALK IT OVER
THAT WE COOPERATE DURING THE DEALING SESSION
I ONLY ASK…

IT IS!
…IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT YOUR IDEA, BUT…

MIKAMOTO-SAN, KIMURA-SAN, SAEKI-SAN.
!
!

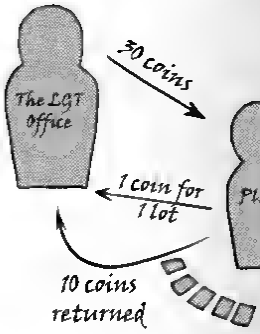
EVERYBODY IS WORRIED, SO LET US PUT THEM AT EASE
BY PROVING IN THE MOCK GAME THAT THIS PLAN CAN WORK OUT!

P-
PROV-ING...? HOW?
IT IS EASY.
WE SIMPLY NEED TO PUT IN PRACTICE WHAT I JUST DESCRIBED.

WHEN BIDDING STARTS, EACH PERSON BIDS ONE COIN ONLY ON THE CARD SET THAT WAS DESIGNATED FOR THEM DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

THE FOUR OF US WILL TALK IT OVER AND DECIDE WHO BIDS ON WHAT CARD SET.

AND EACH OF US WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A PROFIT OF 19 COINS IN THIS MOCK GAME!



WITH THIS, THE LGT OFFICE WILL ONLY GET ONE COIN FOR ONE LOT.

TO ALL THE PLAYERS AND

I WANT THE FOUR OF US TO DEMOST-RATE IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO!

TO THE LGT OFFICE!

YES. A DEAL THAT WILL BE PROFITABLE FOR ALL OF US.

YOU SUGGEST WE MAKE A DEAL?

SO BASIC-ALLY

AS IF THEY CAN DO IT!!!
HAAA HAHA HAHA!

IT'S BECAUSE COOPERATING IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMANS, THEY KEEP REPEATING THE SAME STUPID MISTAKES OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN ANY GIVEN ERA!
NOT HAPPENING! I GUARANTEE THAT!

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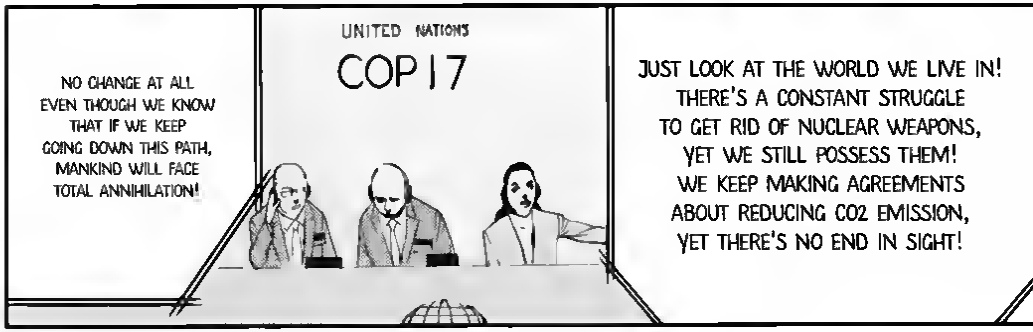
IT'S BECAUSE COOPERATING IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMANS, THEY KEEP REPEATING THE SAME STUPID MISTAKES OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN ANY GIVEN ERA!
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN DO IT! I GUARANTEE THAT!

THEY'RE THE CREATURES THAT CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST THEIR DESIRES!
THAT'S JUST HOW HUMANS ARE, IN THE END!
ALSAB-SAN...


NO CHANGE AT ALL EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW THAT IF WE KEEP GOING DOWN THIS PATH, MANKIND WILL FACE TOTAL ANNIHILATION!
UNITED NATIONS
COP17
JUST LOOK AT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN! THERE'S A CONSTANT STRUGGLE TO GET RID OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, YET WE STILL POSSESS THEM! WE KEEP MAKING AGREEMENTS ABOUT REDUCING CO2 EMISSION, YET THERE'S NO END IN SIGHT!

THAT'S HOW FOOLISH THE CREATURES CALLED HUMANS ARE!
EVEN IN THE FACE OF EXTINCTION HUMANS CAN'T JOIN SIDES!

ARTIER-SAN...
!!
CALM DOWN.
ALSAB.

DON'T BRING YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS INTO THE GAME.
HERE, YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN ONE OF THE LGT OFFICIALS.

THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.
I APOLOGIZE.

I UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS ALSAB-SAN VOICED.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND...

SUCH A VIOLENT OUTBURST ALL OF A SUDDEN... WHAT HAPPENED TO ALSAB-SAN, I WONDER

I HAVE BEEN A LITTLE WORRIED... WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE IN THE "MASKS WITH STALKS" PRESENT HERE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?

WE HAVE GOT TO HURRY.
WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME
Mock game: Dealing session
Consideration time
Time left till bidding opens
01 min 48 sec

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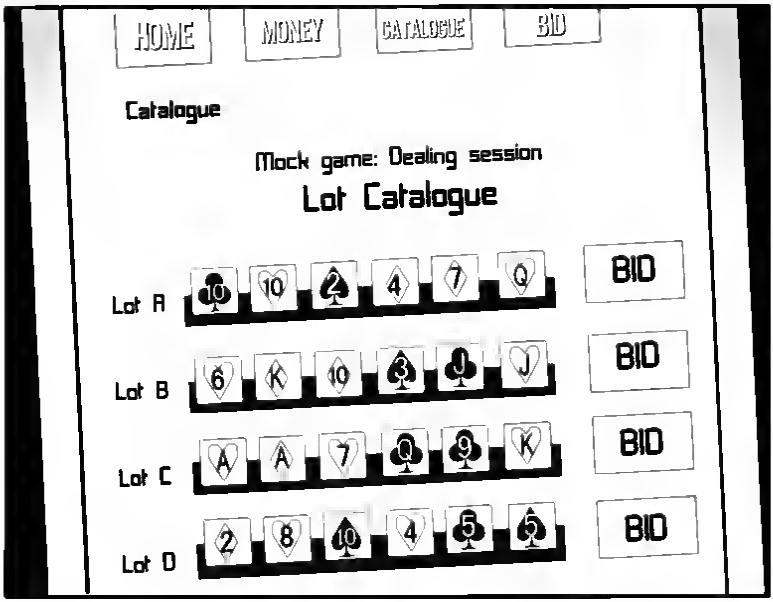
LET US AT LEAST DETERMINE WHO BIDS ON WHAT LOT!
FOR NOW,


HOME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
BID
Catalogue
Mock game: Dealing session
Lot Catalogue
Lot A
Lot B
Lot C
Lot D
BID
BID
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BID

ALRIGHT. MIKAMOTO-SAN BIDS ON LOT A, THEN.
I'D LIKE TO BID ON LOT A.

!!
I WANT THAT LOT, TOO.
HUH?

.....
I'M EITHER GETTING LOT A, OR COUNT ME OUT
WE WON'T MAKE ANY PROGRESS GOING BY WHO SCREAMED THEY WANTED IT FIRST
I WAS FIRST TO SAY I WANT IT

Mock game: Dealing session
Consideration time
Time left till bidding opens
01 min 02 sec
WHAT SHOULD I DO...

WE HAVE NO TIME...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...

SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, KANZAKI NAO?!

THEY HARDLY EVEN STARTED YET BUT ARE ALREADY FIGHTING!
BHAAA HAHA HAHA HAHA!

IF YOU'RE SO ADAMANT ABOUT IT—
FINE.
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I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT.
I WILL GO FOR LOT C INSTEAD.

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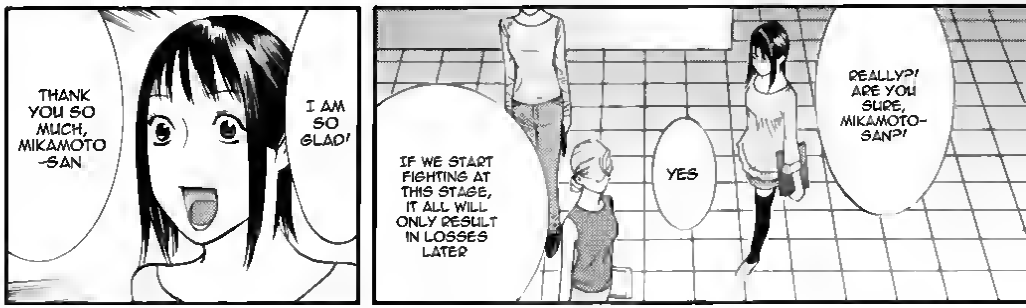
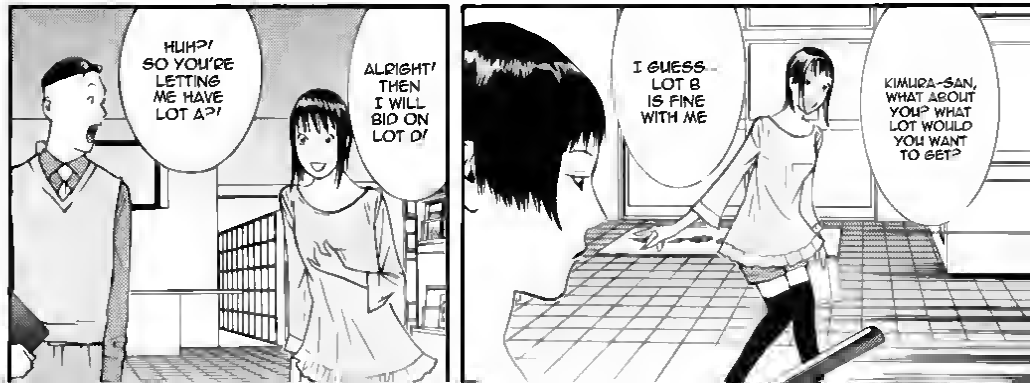
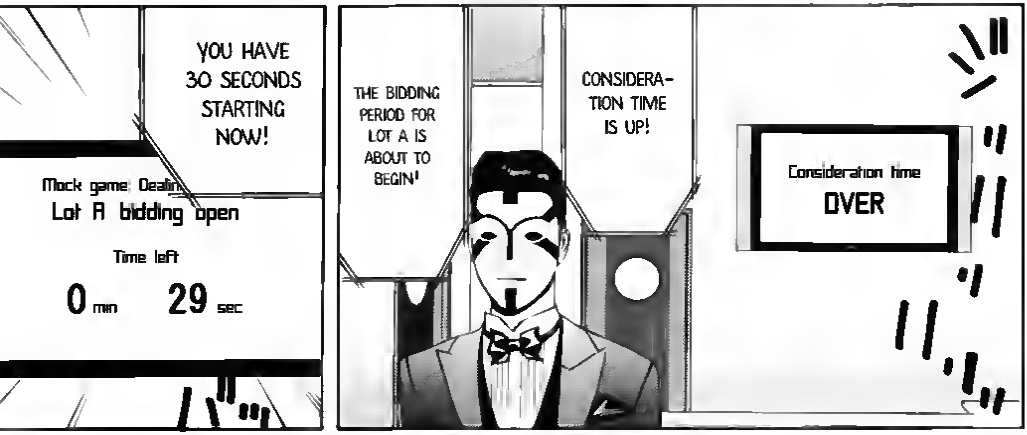
EH?!


REALLY?! ARE YOU SURE, MIKAMOTO-SAN?!
YES
IF WE START FIGHTING AT THIS STAGE, IT ALL WILL ONLY RESULT IN LOSSES LATER
I AM SO GLAD!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, MIKAMOTO -SAN


KIMURA-SAN, WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT LOT WOULD YOU WANT TO GET?
I GUESS - LOT B IS FINE WITH ME
ALRIGHT! THEN I WILL BID ON LOT D!
HUH?! SO YOU'RE LETTING ME HAVE LOT A?!

WITH THIS, WE ALL WILL BE ABLE TO GET A LOT FOR THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE OF 1 COIN.
LET US ALL BID ACCORDING TO WHAT WE HAVE JUST STIPULATED PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST NOT BID ON ANY OTHER LOTS.
YES.

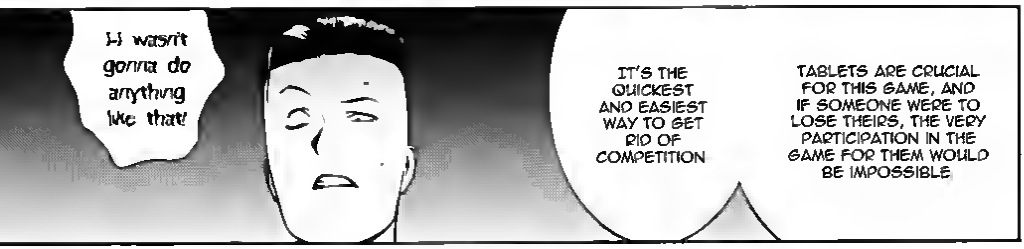
BUT WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO ARE ALLIES, SO I FIND IT HARD TO BELLIEVE THAT THEY WILL FULLY AND HONESTLY ABIDE BY KANZAKI'S PLAN.
IF THEIR PLAN ACTUALLY WORKS OUT, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR COIN COUNT EVEN THOUGH IT IS JUST A MOCK GAME.
I HAVE TO WONDER IF IT IS REALLY GOING TO GO SO SMOOTHLY.
FU FU.


YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS STARTING NOW!
Mock game: Dealing
Lot A bidding open
Time left
0 min 29 sec
THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT A IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
CONSIDERATION TIME IS UP!
Consideration time
OVER

HEY!!! NOT SO FAST!
SO THE REST OF US SHOULD NOT B--
LOT A IS SAEKI-SAN'S.

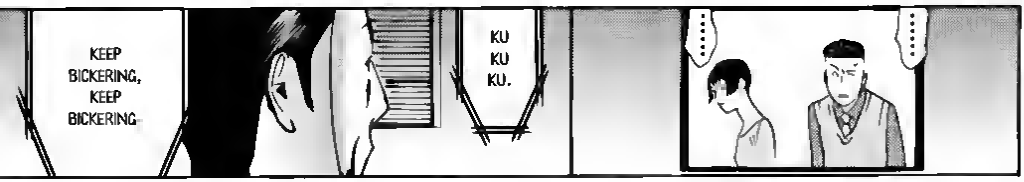
I WANT ALL OF YOU TO PUT YOUR TABLETS DOWN ON THE FLOOR FIRST.
ACCORDING TO OUR AGREEMENT, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO BIDS ON THAT LOT!
IT'S THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT A, RIGHT?!
EH?!
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO PUT YOUR TABLETS DOWN ON THE FLOOR SO THAT YOU COULDN'T BID EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO
I CAN'T BE SURE ONE OF YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BREAK OUR AGREEMENT AND BID ON MY LOT.
AS IF WE AGREE TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
HAH
!!
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT?
SHE TOTALLY WAS GONNA BID ON MY LOT!!!
SEE WHAT I MEAN?!

IT'S YOU WE ALL SHOULD BE WARY OF. YOU WERE SCHEMING TO SNATCH OUR TABLETS THE MOMENT WE PUT THEM DOWN ON THE FLOOR, WEREN'T YOU.


I-I wasn't gonna do anything like that!
IT'S THE QUICKEST AND EASIEST WAY TO GET RID OF COMPETITION
TABLETS ARE CRUCIAL FOR THIS GAME, AND IF SOMEONE WERE TO LOSE THEIRS, THE VERY PARTICIPATION IN THE GAME FOR THEM WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

THAT IS WHY LET US DO IT WITHOUT PUTTING ANYTHING DOWN ON THE FLOOR!
IF WE KEEP THINKING THAT ONE OF US WILL BREAK THE AGREEMENT, IT IS ALL FOR NOTHING! THE POINT IS FOR THE FOUR OF US TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER!

I JUST CAN'T TRUST YOU!
Please wait!
Wait a second!


KEEP BICKERING, KEEP BICKERING.
KU KU KU.

LOT A GOES TO...
I WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF LOT A, AS WELL AS THE BIDDERS WHO LOST.
THE BIDDING TIME IS UP.
Bidding period For Lot A
OVER

Mock game Dealing session
Lot A: bidders
Saeki Kiyoshi 1 gold coin
No other bidders
Lot A winner:
Saeki Kiyoshi
バン!!!
SFX: BAN - TA-DA!

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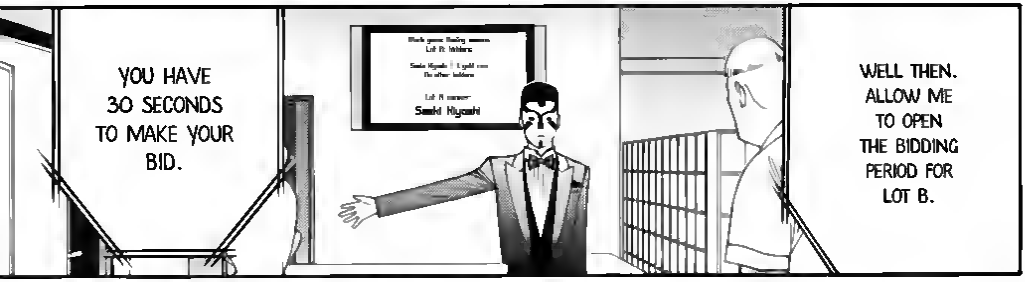
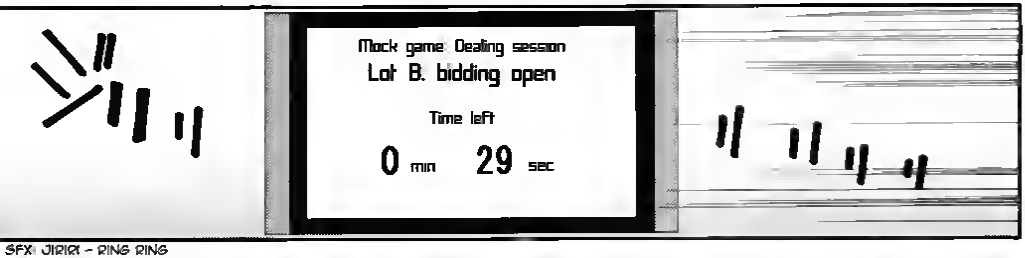
オオオ...
LOT A GOES TO SAEKI-SAN FOR 1 GOLD COIN!
SFX: OOO - SURPRISE

I DID IT!!!
OOH!

THEY ONLY JUST STARTED. GIVE IT A LITTLE TIME.
BOTH KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO ABODE BY THE AGREEMENT, EH.
HOO.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
HMPH.
KIMURA-SAN, MIKAMOTO-SAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR UPHOLDING OUR AGREEMENT!





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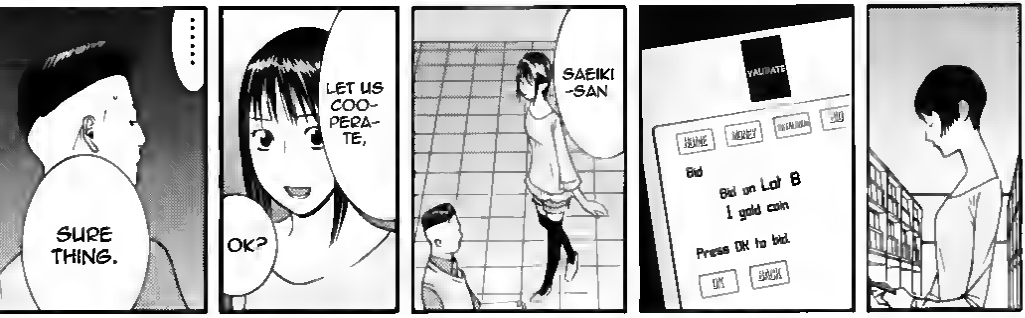
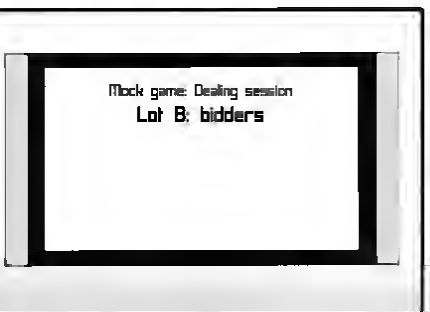
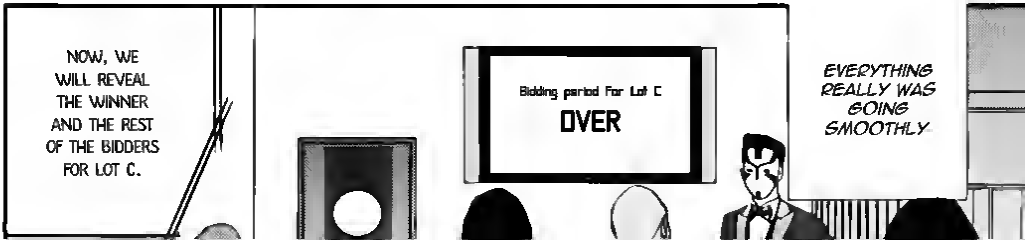




SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

SFX BA - TA-DA!

SFX OOO - SURPRISE


NOW, WE WILL REVEAL THE WINNER AND THE REST OF THE BIDDERS FOR LOT C.
Bidding period For Lot C
OVER
EVERYTHING REALLY WAS GOING SMOOTHLY

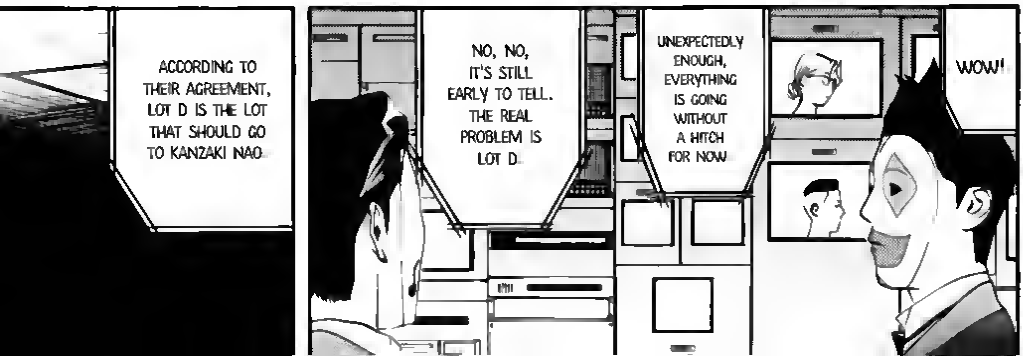
Mock game: Dealing session
Lot C: bidders

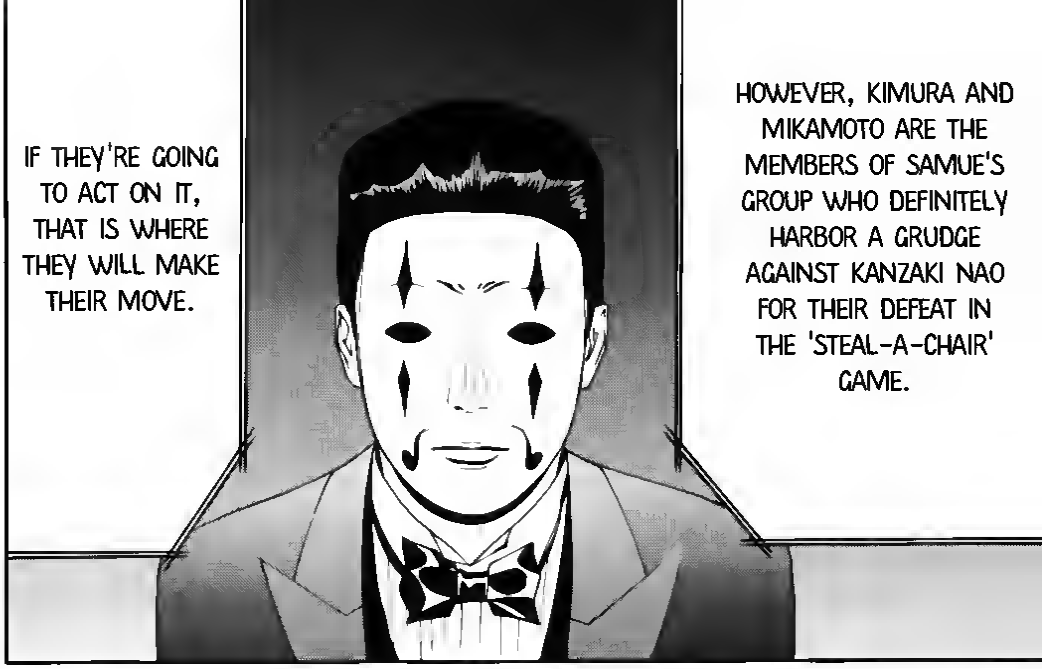
Mikamoto Mika 1 gold coin
No other bidders

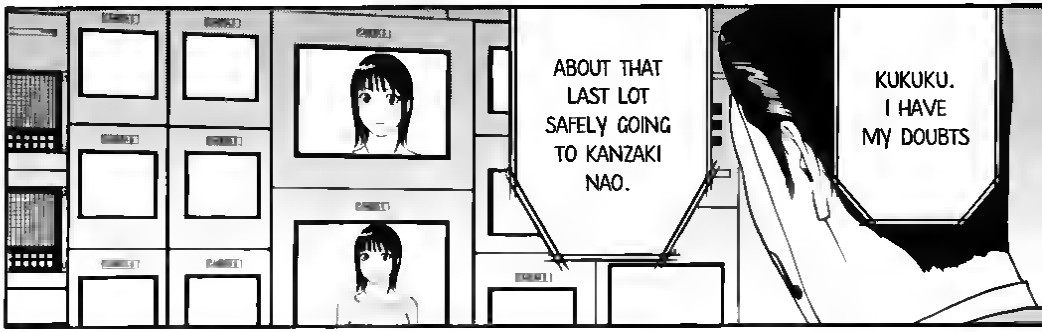
Lot C winner:
Mikamoto Mika

SFX: BAN - TA-DA!

SFX: OOO - SURPRISE


ACCORDING TO THEIR AGREEMENT, LOT D IS THE LOT THAT SHOULD GO TO KANZAKI NAO.
NO, NO, IT'S STILL EARLY TO TELL. THE REAL PROBLEM IS LOT D.
UNEXPECTEDLY ENOUGH, EVERYTHING IS GOING WITHOUT A HITCH FOR NOW.
WOW!


IF THEY'RE GOING TO ACT ON IT, THAT IS WHERE THEY WILL MAKE THEIR MOVE.
HOWEVER, KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO ARE THE MEMBERS OF SAMUE'S GROUP WHO DEFINITELY HARBOR A GRUDGE AGAINST KANZAKI NAO FOR THEIR DEFEAT IN THE 'STEAL-A-CHAIR' GAME.


ABOUT THAT LAST LOT SAFELY GOING TO KANZAKI NAO.
KUKUKU. I HAVE MY DOUBTS

Bidding period For Lot D
OVER
THE BIDDING TIME IS UP.
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

WE WILL NOW REVEAL THE WINNER FOR LOT D AND THE OTHER BIDDERS.

SFX: GOKI GOKI - NEGIGING

LOT D GOES TO...
Mock game: Dealing session
Lot D: holders

Mock game: Dealing session

Lot D: bidders

Kanzaki Nao 1 gold coin
No other bidders

Lot D winner:

Kanzaki Nao

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SFX: DON - TA-DA!

SFX: OOO - SURPRISE

LOT D GOES TO KANZAKI-SAN FOR 1 GOLD COIN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN COOPERATING!
OOOH. SURPRISING DEVELOPMENT, INDEED.

.....
ALSAB-SAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL!
THANK YOU!
KIMURA-SAN, MIKAMOTO-SAN, SAEKI-SAN.
!?

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVE THAT IT IS, INDEED, POSSIBLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COOPERATE.
THANKS TO THE THREE OF YOU

WE ARE OVERJOYED AS MUCH AS YOU ARE.
WELL, ISN'T THAT GREAT?

WAS IT MY IMAGINATION...? FOR A MOMENT THERE,
KIMURA-SAN...
!

Next stage: Change Session
I THOUGHT I SAW A SHADOW OF SOMETHING VERY COLD AND CRUEL IN KIMURA-SAN'S SMILE.

LIAR GAME
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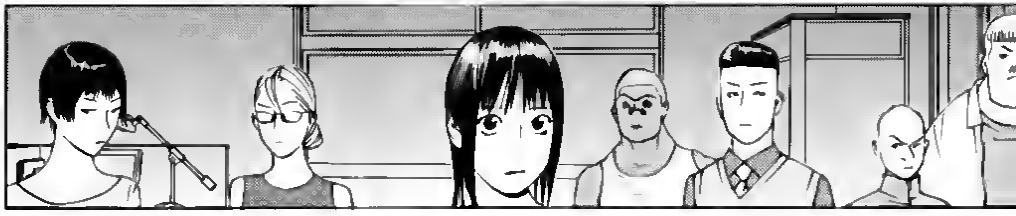
Start



WITHIN THAT PERIOD YOU CAN SELECT THE CARDS YOU WANT TO DISCARD ON THE TOUCHSCREEN OF YOUR TABLETS.
THE TIME LIMIT IS ONE MINUTE.
AS I SAID EARLIER, IN THIS MOCK GAME YOU WILL HAVE ONE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YOUR CARDS.

BIODING WILL START WITH LOT A, CONTINUE WITH LOT B AND SO ON. I TRUST THE PROCEEDING OF THE CHANGE SESSION IS CLEAR?

Bidding period for Lot A
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Announcement of the winner for Lot A
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Bidding period for Lot B
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Announcement of the winner for Lot B
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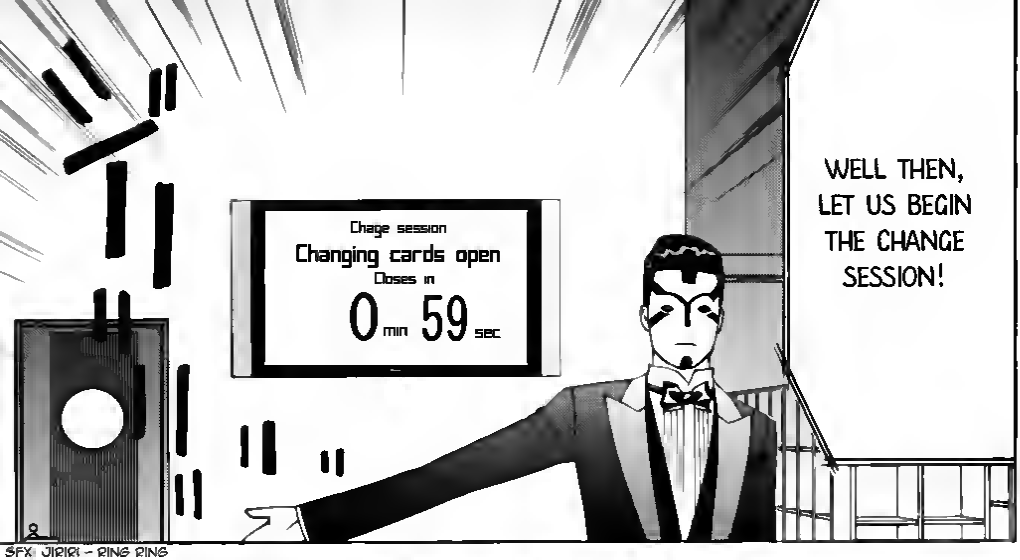
CARD SETS THE PLAYERS DISCARDED WILL BE GIVEN LABELS LOT A, LOT B, ETC. IN ORDER OF THEIR REGISTRATION.



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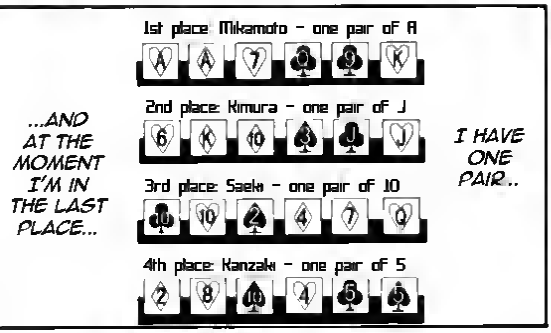
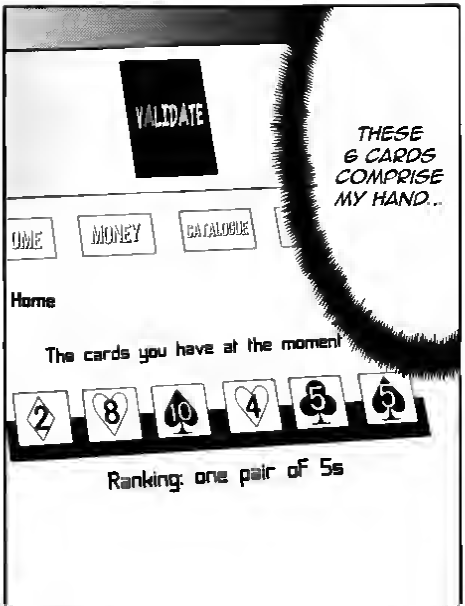
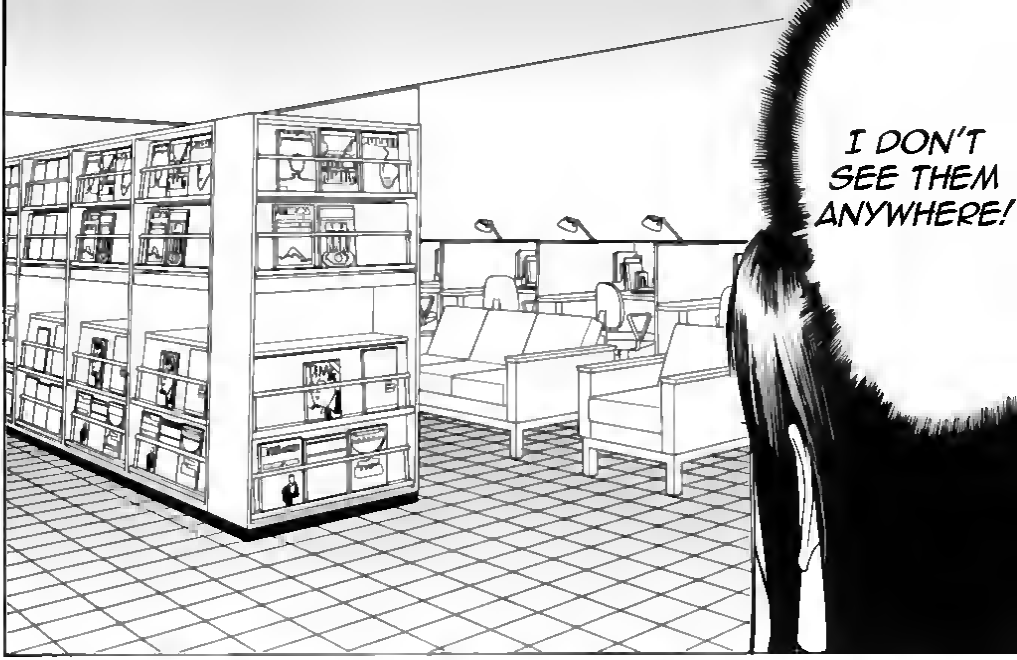

1st place: Mikamoto - one pair of A
2nd place: Kimura - one pair of J
3rd place: Saeki - one pair of 10
4th place: Kanzaki - one pair of 5
...AND AT THE MOMENT I'M IN THE LAST PLACE...
I HAVE ONE PAIR..




I DON'T SEE THEM ANYWHERE!

ARE GONE?!
THE TWO OF THEM

SFX: TON TON - TAP TAP
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SFX: KYORO KYORO - TURN
キョロ キョロ
SFX: TA TA - RUN
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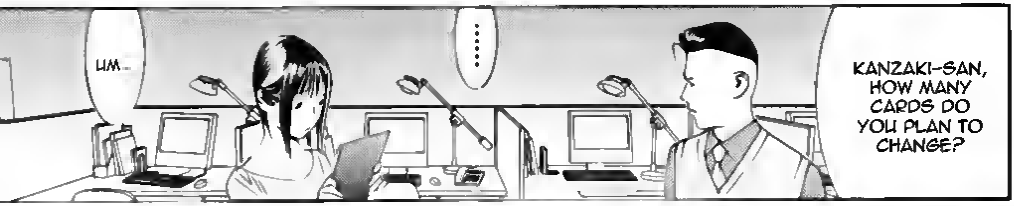
KANZAKI-SAN.
YO,


UM...
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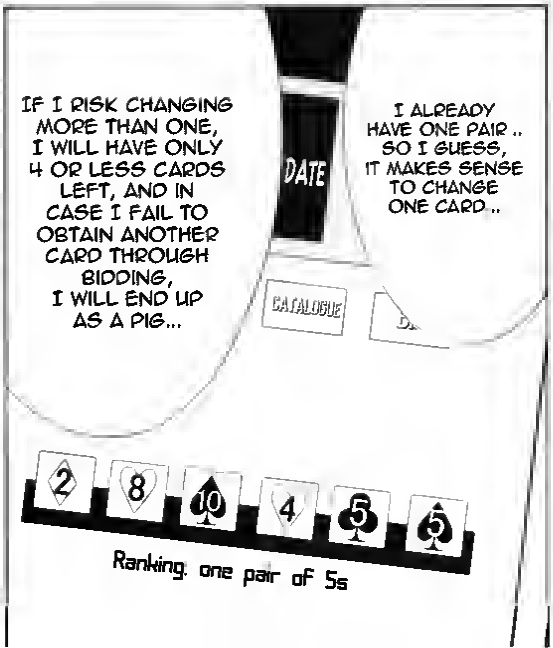
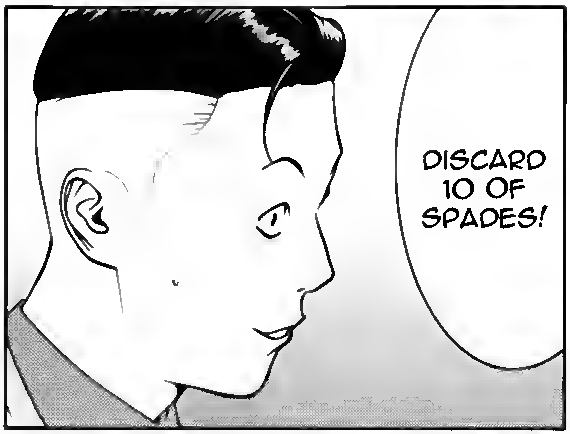
KANZAKI-SAN, HOW MANY CARDS DO YOU PLAN TO CHANGE?

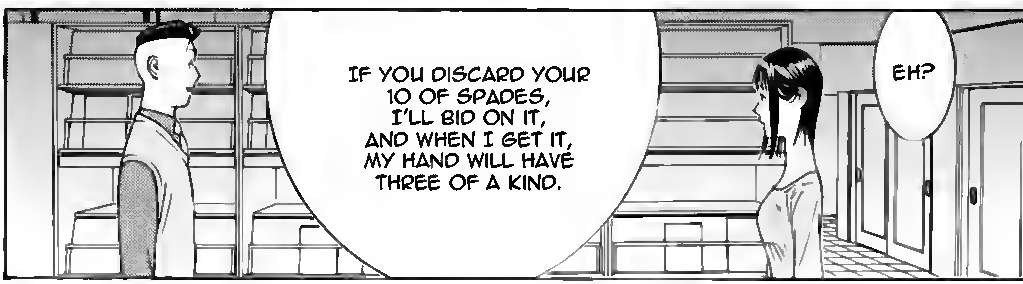
WITH A HAND OF LESS THAN 5 CARDS YOU WILL END UP AS A PIG REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE ONE PAIR.
TRUE.
I BELIEVE THE OTHERS WILL ALSO DISCARD ONLY ONE CARD.

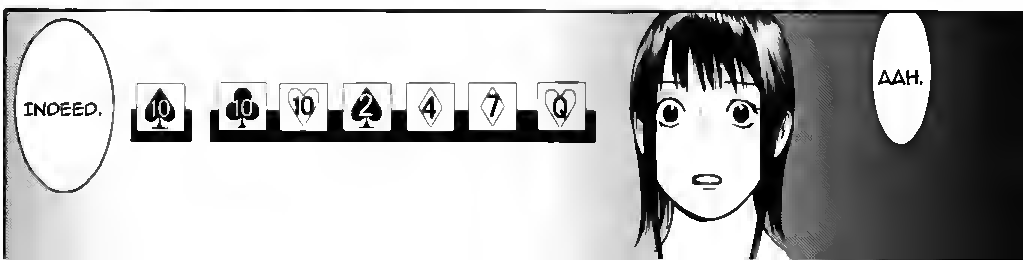

IF I RISK CHANGING MORE THAN ONE, I WILL HAVE ONLY 4 OR LESS CARDS LEFT, AND IN CASE I FAIL TO OBTAIN ANOTHER CARD THROUGH BIDDING, I WILL END UP AS A PIG...
DATE
I ALREADY HAVE ONE PAIR .. SO I GUESS, IT MAKES SENSE TO CHANGE ONE CARD ..
CATALOGUE
Ranking: one pair of 5s

WHICH CARD DO YOU WANT TO DISCARD?
SO...?

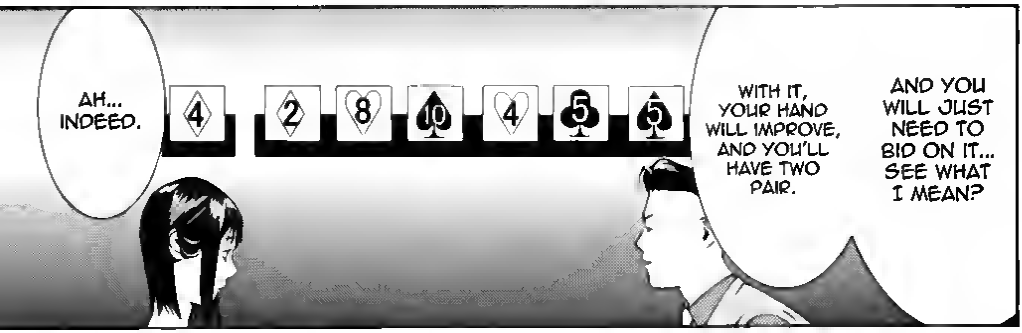

DISCARD 10 OF SPADES!

THEN...
I HAVE NOT DECIDED YET...

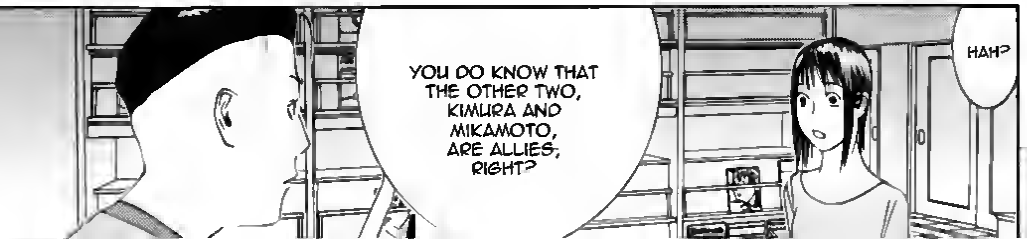

IF YOU DISCARD YOUR 10 OF SPADES, I'LL BID ON IT, AND WHEN I GET IT, MY HAND WILL HAVE THREE OF A KIND.
EH?


INDEED.
AAH.

I WILL DISCARD MY 4 OF DIAMONDS IN EXCHANGE.
AH, DON'T GET ME WRONG! IT'S NOT LIKE I'M THINKING ONLY OF MY OWN BENEFIT!


AH... INDEED.
WITH IT, YOUR HAND WILL IMPROVE, AND YOU'LL HAVE TWO PAIR.
AND YOU WILL JUST NEED TO BID ON IT... SEE WHAT I MEAN?

DON'T YOU AGREE, KANZAKI-SAN?
THIS IS WHAT IS CALLED TEAM PLAY,


YOU DO KNOW THAT THE OTHER TWO, KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO, ARE ALLIES, RIGHT?
HAH?

1st Mikamoto A A 7 Q 9 K

2nd Kimura 6 K 10 3 J J

3rd Saeki 10 10 2 4 7 Q

4th Kanzaki 2 8 10 4 5 5

EVEN NOW THEY PLACE 1ST AND 2ND, BUT THEY LIKELY FIGURED THAT THEIR POSITION MAY BE IN DANGER IF THEY JUST HAVE ONE PAIR EACH.

Mikamoto A A 7 Q 9 K K

Kimura 6 K 10 3 J J

I ASSUME ONE OF THEM WILL DISCARD HER KING, AND THE OTHER WILL BID ON IT, THUS IMPROVING HER HAND WITH 'TWO PAIR' AND SECURING THE FIRST PLACE.

AND THEN WE EACH BID ON THE CARD THE OTHER DISCARDED TO IMPROVE OUR HANDS.
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO JOIN SIDES! I'LL DISCARD MY 4 OF DIAMONDS, AND YOU'LL DISCARD YOUR 10 OF SPADES,

1st Saeki 10 10 10 2 7 Q

2nd Mikamoto A A 7 Q 9 K K

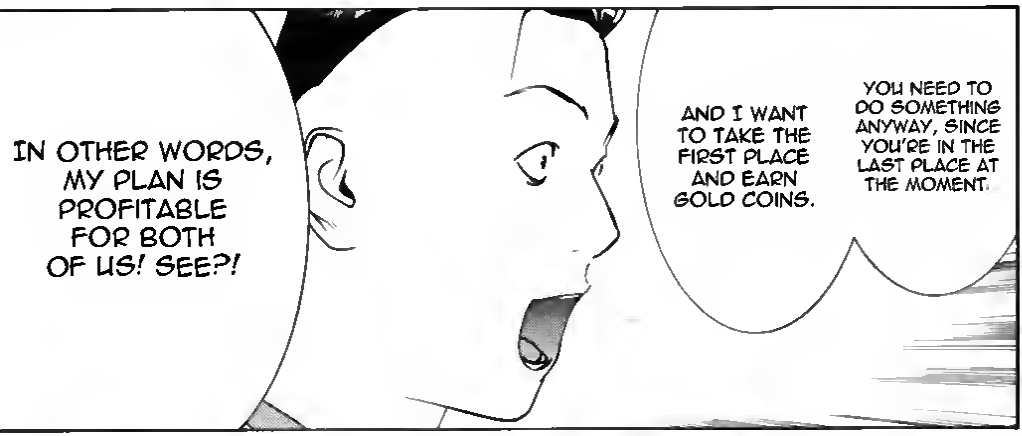
3rd Kanzaki 2 8 4 4 5 5

4th Kimura 6 10 3 J J

TOGETHER, WE CAN BRING KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO'S RANKING DOWN!

I'LL HAVE THREE OF A KIND, AND YOU'LL HAVE TWO PAIRS, WHICH WILL GET US 1ST AND 3RD PLACE RESPECTIVELY.

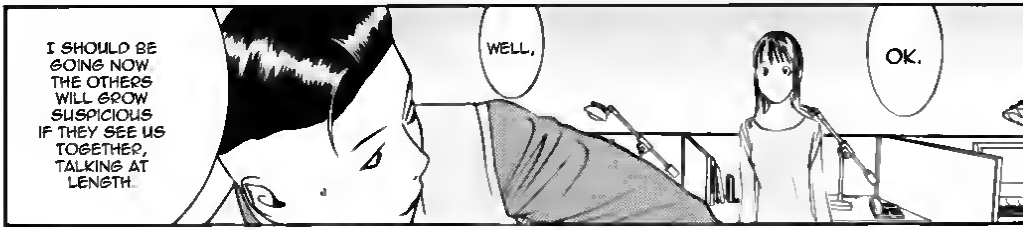
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
SOUNDS GOOD, I GUESS
AAH, REALLY.


IN OTHER WORDS, MY PLAN IS PROFITABLE FOR BOTH OF US! SEE?!
AND I WANT TO TAKE THE FIRST PLACE AND EARN GOLD COINS.
YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ANYWAY, SINCE YOU'RE IN THE LAST PLACE AT THE MOMENT.

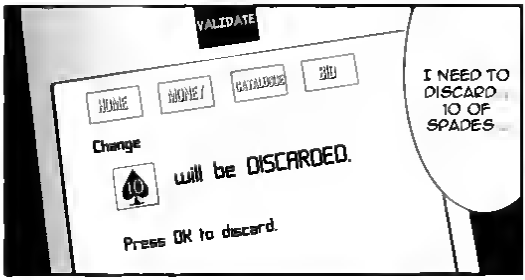
IN THIS BID POKER, YOU NEED TO CONSPIRE WITH OTHER PLAYERS LIKE THIS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE YOUR HAND...
THAT'S WHAT THIS GAME IS ABOUT.
I SEE...

YAY! NEGOTIA-TIONS SUCCESS-FUL!
LET US TRY YOUR PLAN.
I AGREE.

Change session
Changing cards open
Closes in
0 min 29 sec
WE BOTH NEED TO HURRY UP WITH DISCARDING THE CARDS.
BUT WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME.


I SHOULD BE GOING NOW THE OTHERS WILL GROW SUSPICIOUS IF THEY SEE US TOGETHER, TALKING AT LENGTH...
WELL,
OK.

SFX: TA TA - RUN


VALIDATE
HOME
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CATALOGUE
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will be DISCARDED.
Press OK to discard.
I NEED TO DISCARD 10 OF SPADES...

NEED TO HURRY, HUH...
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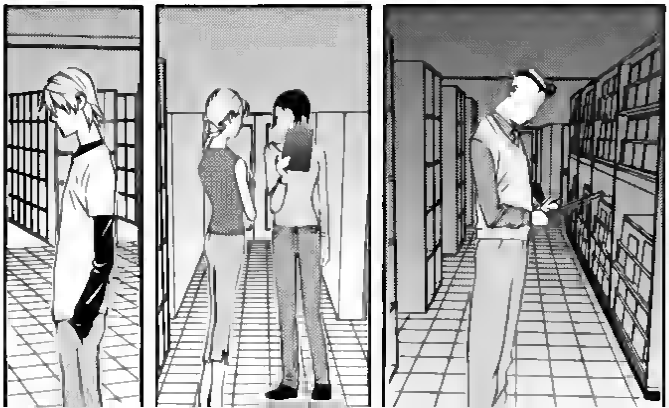
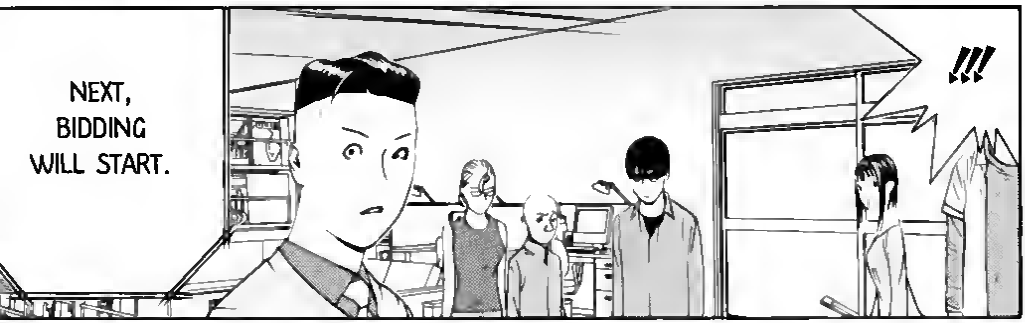
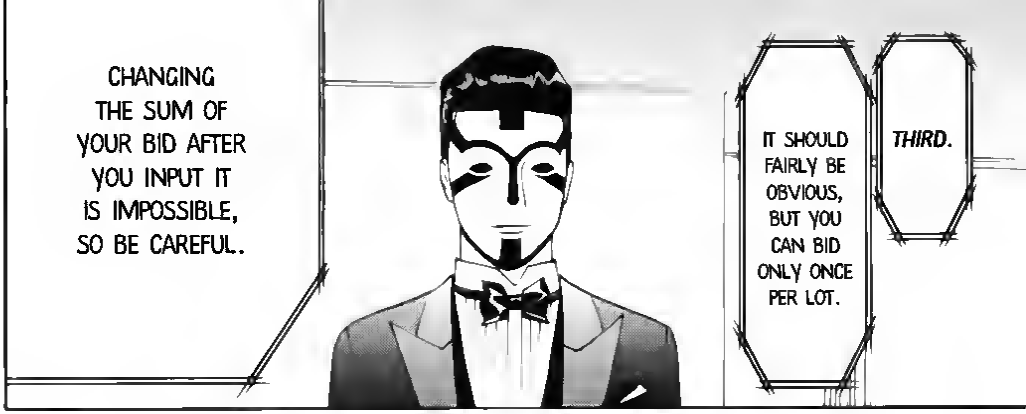


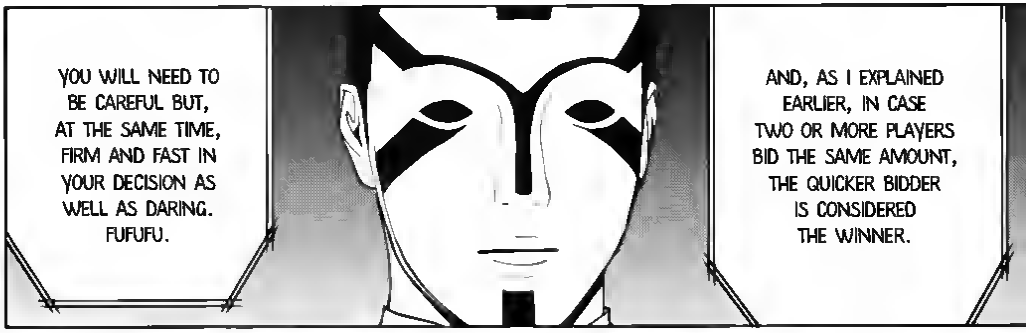
...AND HOPE EVERYTHING WILL END WELL...

THE TIME IS UP!
Changing cards
OVER

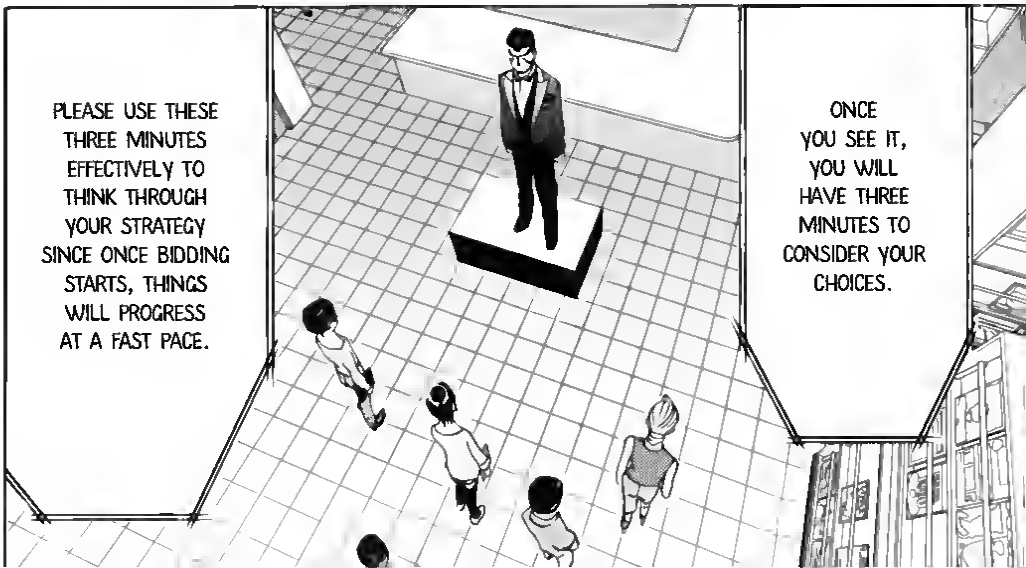

NEXT, BIDDING WILL START.
!!!

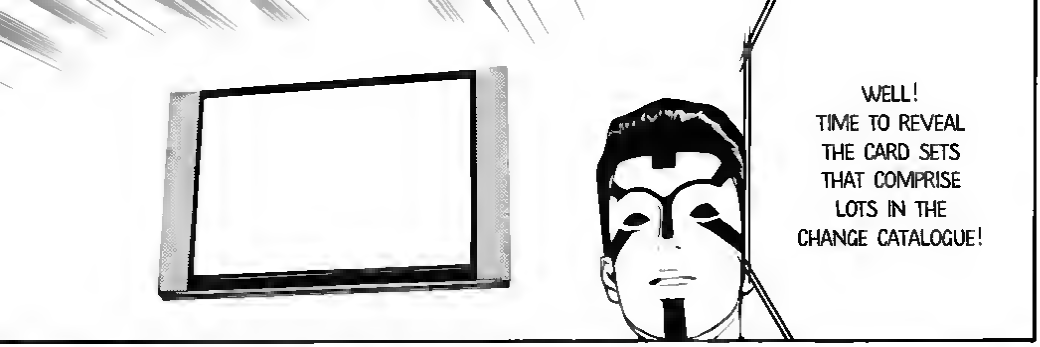
THERE ARE THREE POINTS I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO.
FIRST.
PLAYERS CANNOT BID ON THE CARD SETS THEY THEMSELVES DISCARDED.
SECOND.
IN CASE NO ONE BID ON A CARD SET, THAT CARD SET WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PLAYER WHO DISCARDED IT.

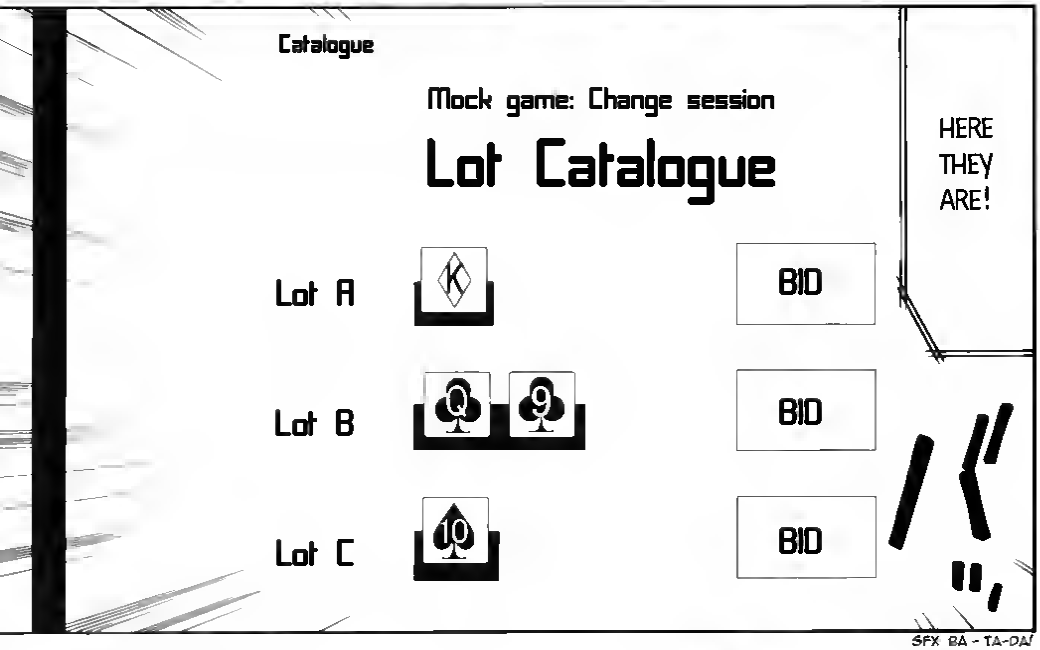

CHANGING THE SUM OF YOUR BID AFTER YOU INPUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, SO BE CAREFUL.
IT SHOULD FAIRLY BE OBVIOUS, BUT YOU CAN BID ONLY ONCE PER LOT.
THIRD.


YOU WILL NEED TO BE CAREFUL BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, FIRM AND FAST IN YOUR DECISION AS WELL AS DARING. FUFUFU.
AND, AS I EXPLAINED EARLIER, IN CASE TWO OR MORE PLAYERS BID THE SAME AMOUNT, THE QUICKER BIDDER IS CONSIDERED THE WINNER.

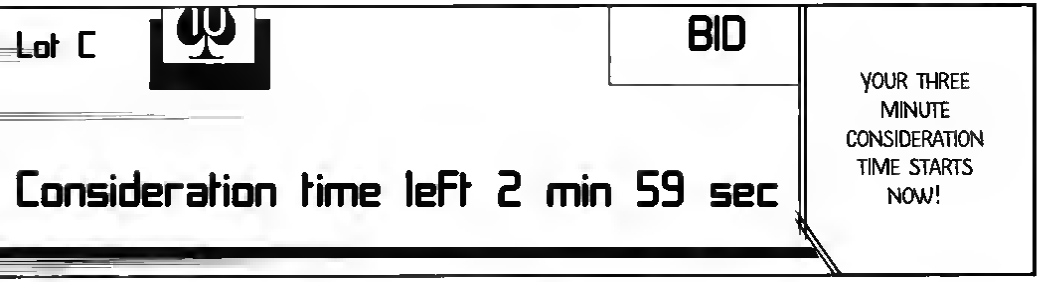
WELL THEN, THE CHANGE CATALOGUE IS ABOUT TO BE REVEALED.
I SEE..


PLEASE USE THESE THREE MINUTES EFFECTIVELY TO THINK THROUGH YOUR STRATEGY SINCE ONCE BIDDING STARTS, THINGS WILL PROGRESS AT A FAST PACE.
ONCE YOU SEE IT, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO CONSIDER YOUR CHOICES.

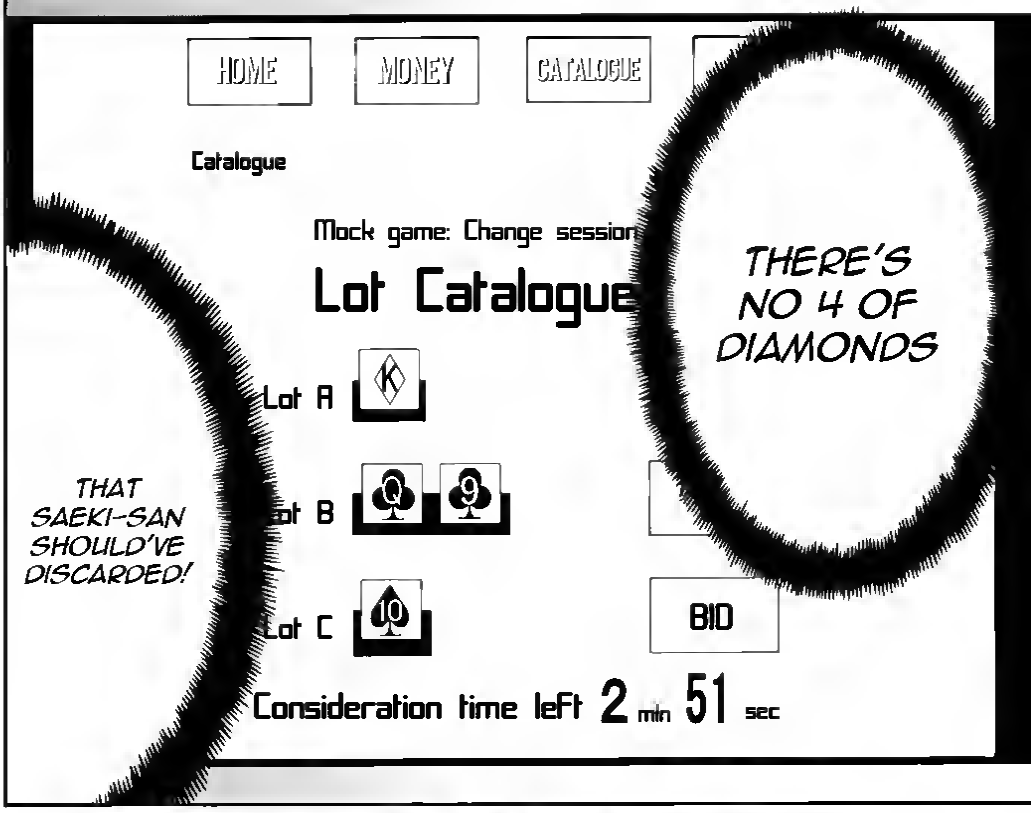

WELL!
TIME TO REVEAL
THE CARD SETS
THAT COMPRISE
LOTS IN THE
CHANGE CATALOGUE!

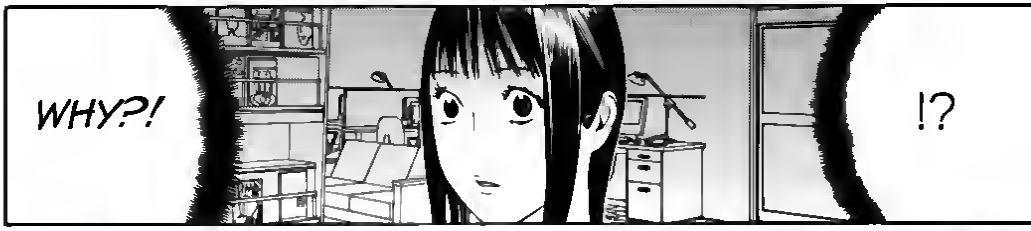

Catalogue
Mock game: Change session
Lot Catalogue
Lot A
BID
Lot B
BID
Lot C
BID
HERE
THEY
ARE!

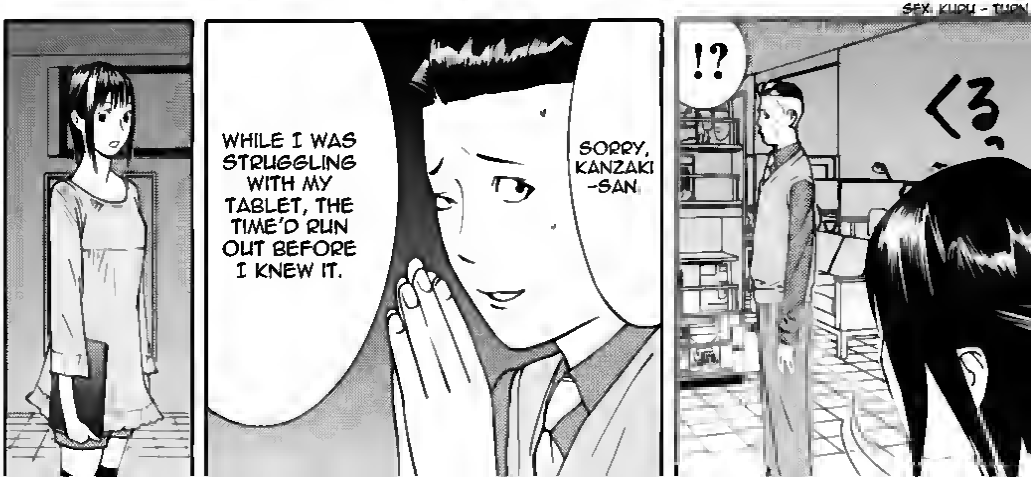
SFX BA - TA-DA!


Lot C
BID
Consideration time left 2 min 59 sec
YOUR THREE
MINUTE
CONSIDERATION
TIME STARTS
NOW!

HUH?!
ONCE
IT IS OVER,
YOU WILL HAVE
30 SECONDS
PER LOT TO
PLACE YOUR
BIDS.


HOME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
Catalogue
Mock game: Change session
Lot Catalogue
THERE'S NO 4 OF DIAMONDS
Lot A
THAT SAEKI-SAN SHOULD'VE DISCARDED!
Lot B
Lot C
BID
Consideration time left 2 min 51 sec


WHY?!
!?

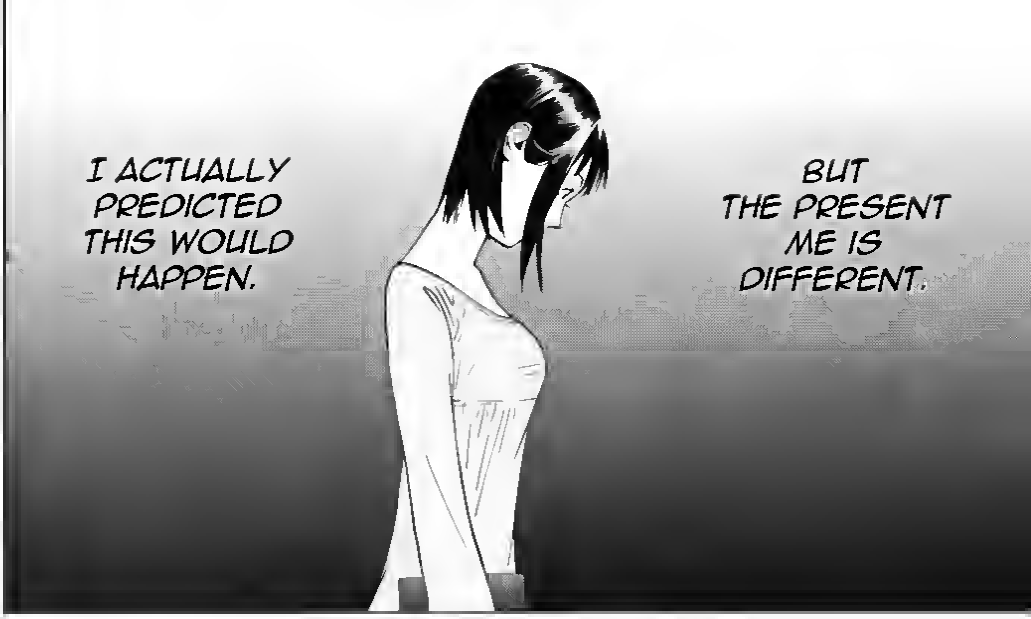

WHILE I WAS STRUGGLING WITH MY TABLET, THE TIME'D RUN OUT BEFORE I KNEW IT.
SORRY, KANZAKI -SAN.
!?

I GOT TRICKED!

HE'S NOT DISCARDING THAT 4 OF DIAMONDS ENSURES THAT I WILL STAY IN THE LAST PLACE... IN OTHER WORDS....
HE'S CLEARLY LYING ABOUT STRUGGLING WITH HIS TABLET!
SAEKI-SAN HAD NO INTENTION TO ABIDE BY THE PLAN HE PROPOSED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

...HE ENSURED HE HIMSELF WOULDN'T RANK LOWER THAN THE THIRD PLACE.
...BY DECEIVING ME...

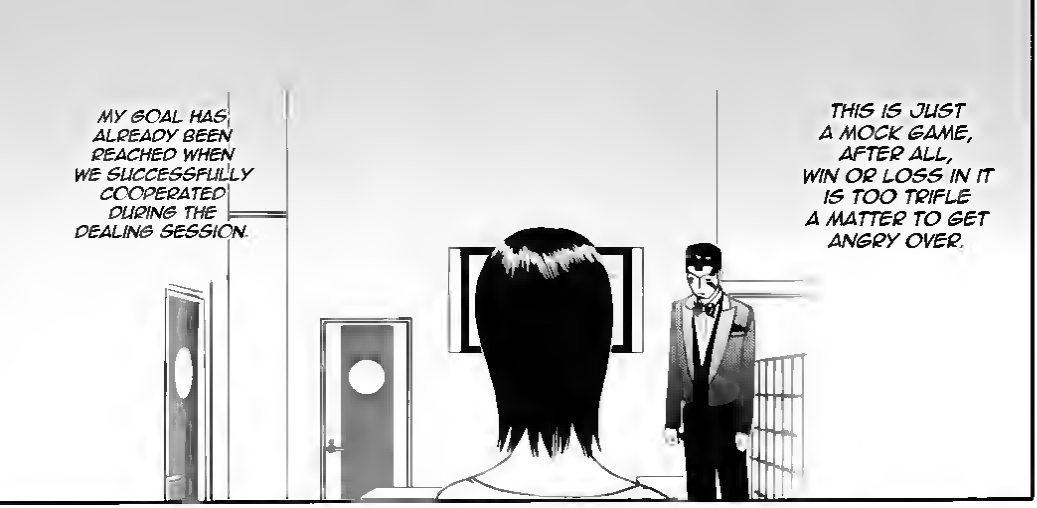
...IS WHAT THE OLD ME WOULD'VE THOUGHT.
SO PAINFUL...

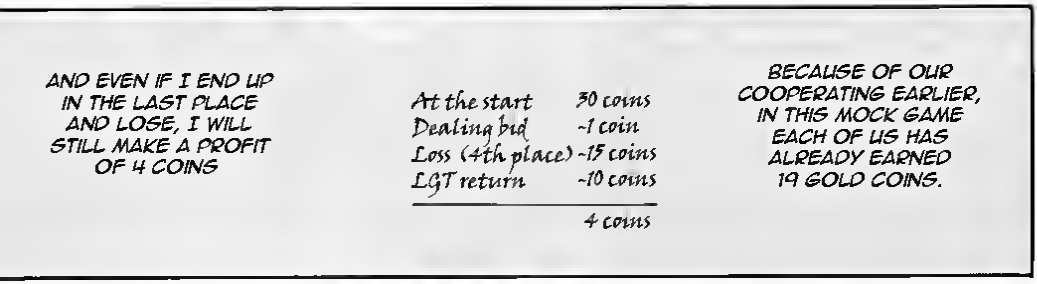

I ACTUALLY PREDICTED THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
BUT THE PRESENT ME IS DIFFERENT.

I HAD A FEELING THINGS WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY...
WHEN I SAW HIM HURRYING AWAY FROM ME RIGHT AFTER WE HAD AGREED TO COOPERATE,

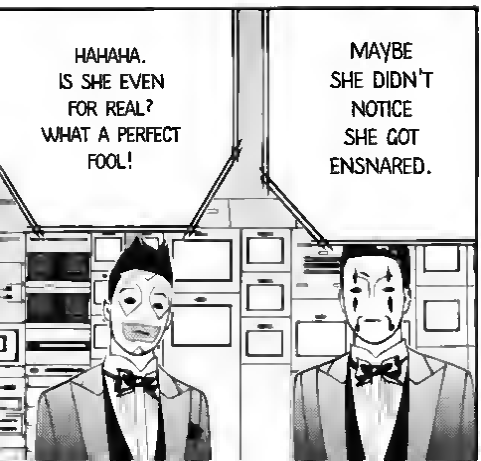
PARTICIPATION IN THE LIAR GAME EXPOSES WEAKNESS IN THE HUMAN HEART FOR ALL TO SEE TO AN UNCOMFORTABLE DEGREE, BUT, BEFORE LONG, I HAVE COME TO ACCEPT EVEN THAT
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL ANGRY WITH HIM. NOT REALLY.

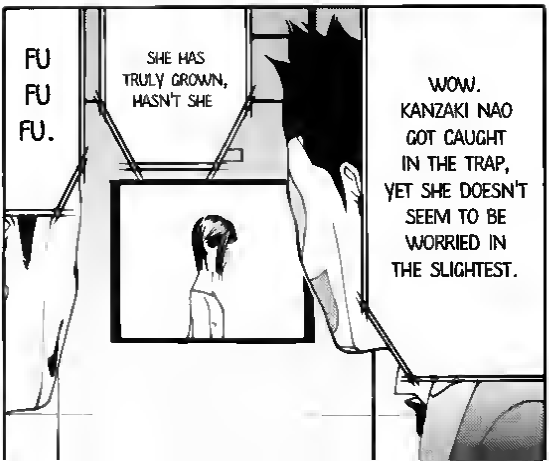
AND IN THE END, I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A WEAK HUMAN.
BECAUSE I MYSELF AM NO EXCEPTION TO THAT,


MY GOAL HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED WHEN WE SUCCESSFULLY COOPERATED DURING THE DEALING SESSION.
THIS IS JUST A MOCK GAME, AFTER ALL, WIN OR LOSS IN IT IS TOO TRIFLE A MATTER TO GET ANGRY OVER.

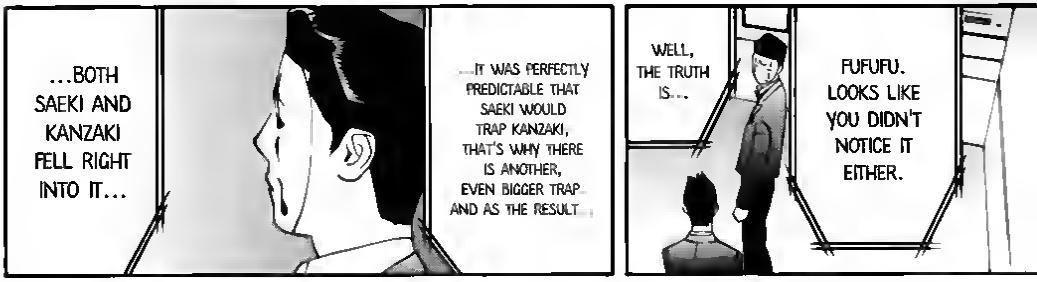

AND EVEN IF I END UP IN THE LAST PLACE AND LOSE, I WILL STILL MAKE A PROFIT OF 4 COINS
At the start 30 coins
Dealing bid -1 coin
Loss (4th place) -15 coins
LGT return -10 coins
4 coins
BECAUSE OF OUR COOPERATING EARLIER, IN THIS MOCK GAME EACH OF US HAS ALREADY EARNED 19 GOLD COINS.

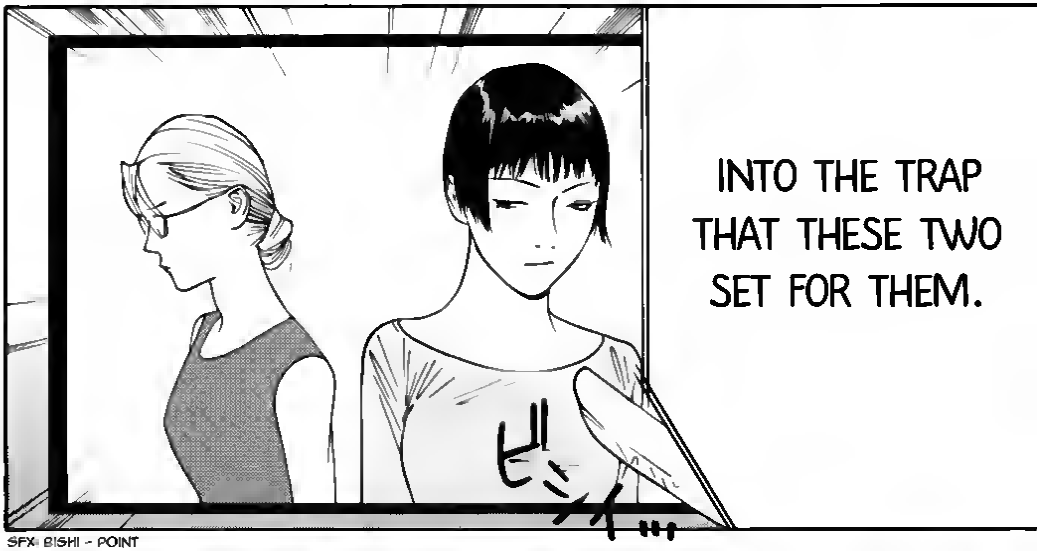
THAT'S WHY THERE'S HARDLY ANYTHING I SHOULD WORRY ABOUT AT THE MOMENT.

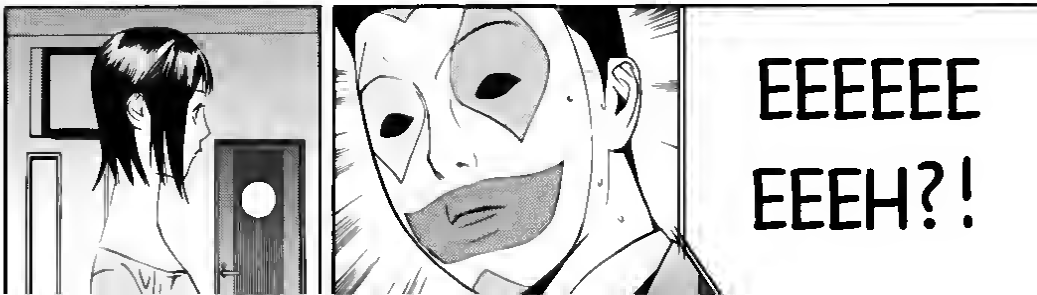

HAHAHA. IS SHE EVEN FOR REAL? WHAT A PERFECT FOOL!
MAYBE SHE DIDN'T NOTICE SHE GOT ENSNARED.


FU FU FU.
SHE HAS TRULY GROWN, HASN'T SHE
WOW. KANZAKI NAO GOT CAUGHT IN THE TRAP, YET SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORRIED IN THE SLIGHTEST.

EH?! YOU MEAN THAT'S NOT WHERE THE TRAP ACTUALLY IS?!
THAT'S WHAT KANZAKI THINKS, I'M SURE.
THAT'S WHERE THE TRAP IS...
SAEKI OFFERED HER COOPERATION, BUT HE NEVER INTENTED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THEIR AGREEMENT...


...BOTH SAEKI AND KANZAKI FELL RIGHT INTO IT...
...IT WAS PERFECTLY PREDICTABLE THAT SAEKI WOULD TRAP KANZAKI, THAT'S WHY THERE IS ANOTHER, EVEN BIGGER TRAP AND AS THE RESULT...
WELL, THE TRUTH IS...
FUFUFU. LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE IT EITHER.


INTO THE TRAP THAT THESE TWO SET FOR THEM.
SFX: BISHI - POINT


EEEEEE EEEH?!

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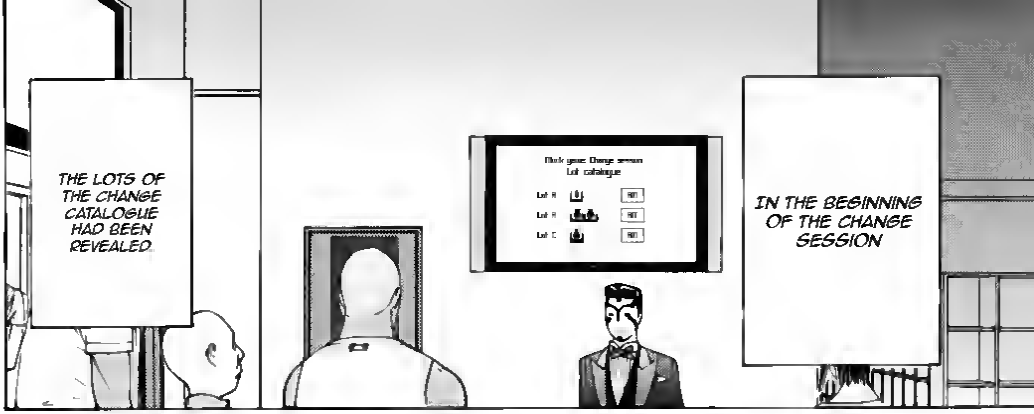
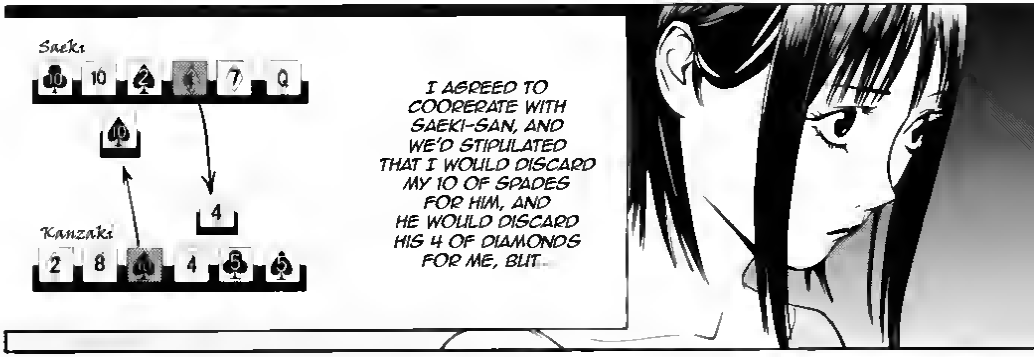
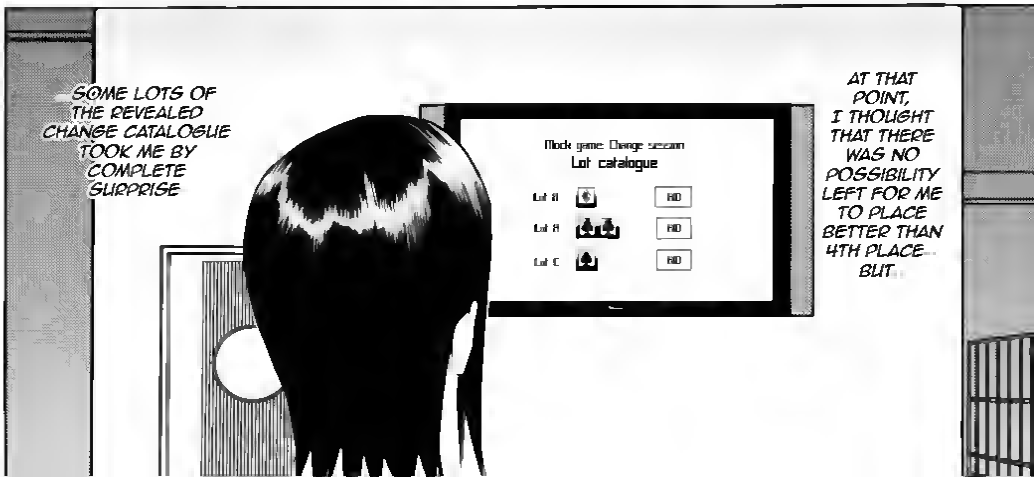
Bad omen


THE LOTS OF THE CHANGE CATALOGUE HAD BEEN REVEALED
Mock game: Change session
Lot catalogue
Lot A
Lot B
Lot C
IN THE BEGINNING OF THE CHANGE SESSION


Saeki
10
7
Q
4
Kanzaki
2
8
4
I AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH SAEKI-SAN, AND WE'D STIPULATED THAT I WOULD DISCARD MY 10 OF SPADES FOR HIM, AND HE WOULD DISCARD HIS 4 OF DIAMONDS FOR ME, BUT...

...MEANING I GOT SUCCESSFULLY TRICKED
SAEKI-SAN DIDN'T DISCARD HIS 4 OF DIAMONDS...


...SOME LOTS OF THE REVEALED CHANGE CATALOGUE TOOK ME BY COMPLETE SURPRISE
Mock game: Change session
Lot catalogue
Lot A
Lot B
Lot C
AT THAT POINT, I THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY LEFT FOR ME TO PLACE BETTER THAN 4TH PLACE... BUT...

Mock game: Change session

Lot catalogue

Lot A BID

Lot B BID

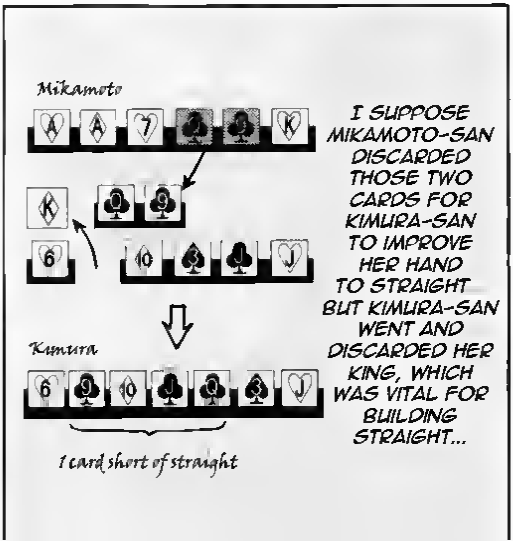
Lot C BID

KIMURA-SAN DISCARDED HER KING OF DIAMONDS FOR MIKAMOTO-SAN, WHICH WAS WITHIN MY EXPECTATIONS... BUT..

Lot B

I NEVER EXPECTED MIKAMOTO-SAN TO DISCARD HER QUEEN OF CLUBS AND 9 OF CLUBS FOR KIMURA-SAN..

DOES THAT MEAN THAT MIKAMOTO-SAN AND KIMURA-SAN DIDN'T WORK TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF COMMON PLAN..?
THEIR ACTIONS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF SYNCH..


Mikamoto
Kimura
1 card short of straight
I SUPPOSE MIKAMOTO-SAN DISCARDED THOSE TWO CARDS FOR KIMURA-SAN TO IMPROVE HER HAND TO STRAIGHT BUT KIMURA-SAN WENT AND DISCARDED HER KING, WHICH WAS VITAL FOR BUILDING STRAIGHT...

Consideration time left 0 min 0 sec

YOUR CONSIDERATION TIME IS OVER!

SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

Mock game: Change session

Lot catalogue

Lot A BID

Lot B BID

Lot C BID

Consideration time left 0 min 0 sec

PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL LEST YOU CREATE REGRETTABLE INSTANCES WHEN YOU FAILED TO INPUT YOUR BID IN TIME.

WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE BIDDING PERIOD FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS, THINGS WILL PROGRESS FAST.

!!

SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

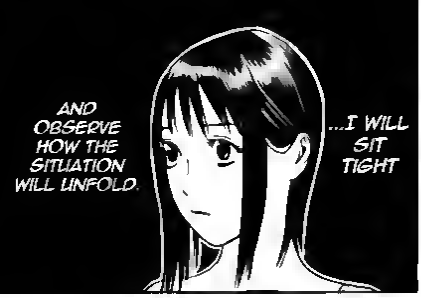
Mock game: Change session

Lot A: bidding open

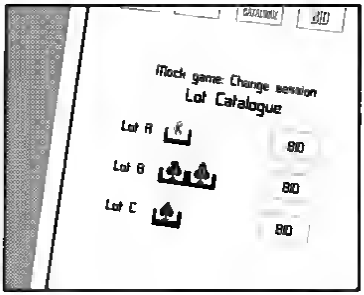
Time left

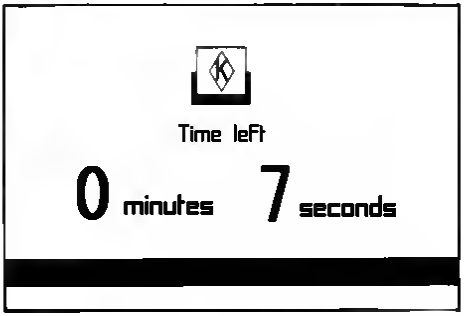
0 minutes 29 seconds

WELL THEN, WE WILL BEGIN BIDDING WITH LOT A! YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS STARING NOW TO MAKE YOUR BID!



THIS GAME'S GONNA BE A PIECE OF CAKE FOR ME
WHAT'S WITH MIKAMOTO DISCARDING HER 9 AND QUEEN OF CLUBS? HER AND KIMURA AREN'T COOPERATING THIS TIME OR SOMETHING?





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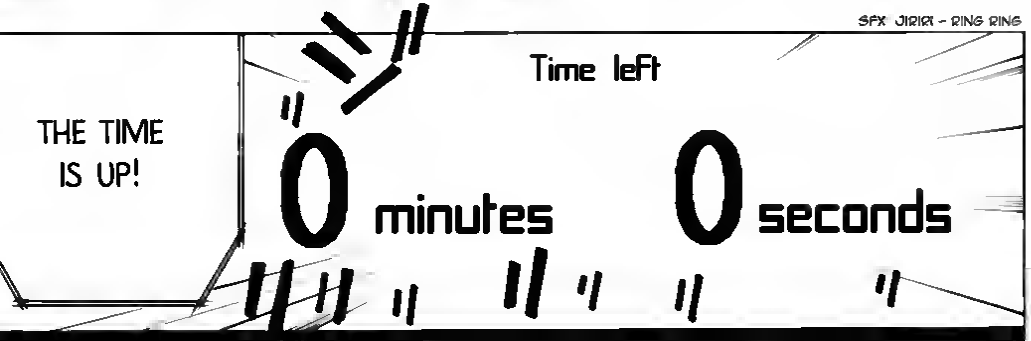
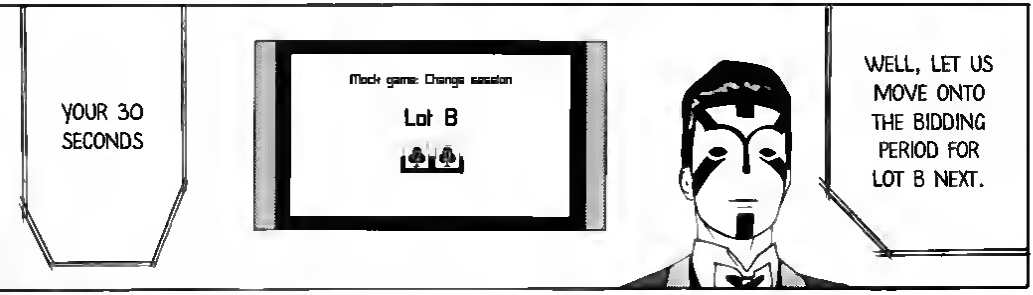


WE WILL NOW REVEAL WHO BID ON LOT A, AS WELL AS THE WINNER OF THAT LOT.
SFX: BA - TA-DA
Mock game: Change session
Lot A Bidders:
None
THE PLAYERS WHO BID ON LOT A ARE...
Mock game: Change session
Lot A Bidders
NO BIDDERS ?!
NO ONE BID ON LOT A! WHICH MEANS KING OF DIAMONDS GOES BACK TO KIMURA-SAN WHO DISCARDED IT!

SFX: OOO - SURPRISE



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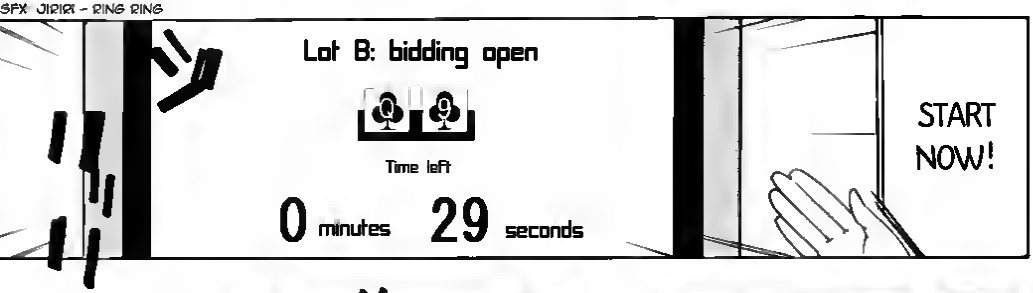


EVEN IF I WIN 10 OF SPADES NEXT, THREE OF A KIND IS THE BEST I CAN MANAGE WITH MY HAND...

HOME | MONEY | CATALOGUE | BID

Home

The cards you have at the moment:

10 ♠ 10 ♥ 4 ♣ 4 ♦ 7 ♦ Q ♦

Ranking: one pair of 10s

IF KIMURA ACQUIRES THIS LOT, SHE'LL HAVE 'STRAIGHT', WHICH BEATS MY HAND.

MY FIRST PLACE WILL BE AS GOOD AS GUARANTEED

BUT IF I STOP HER NOW,

I'LL HAVE A LOT MORE INFLUENCE IN THE REAL GAME.

AND IF I WIN THIS MOCK GAME,

NO, NO, THAT'S TOO MANY. MAKES NO SENSE SINCE THE PRIZE FOR FIRST PLACE IS ONLY 10 COINS

THEN MAYBE 10?

VALIDATE

HOME | MONEY | CATALOGUE | BID

Bid

Would you like to bid on Lot 8?

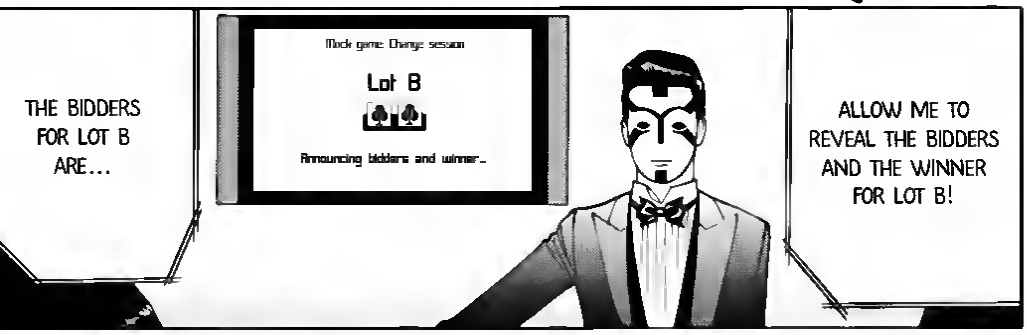
Your bid is 10 gold coin.

MAYBE, 3? NO, NO, SHE'LL EASILY OUTBID ME LIKE THIS

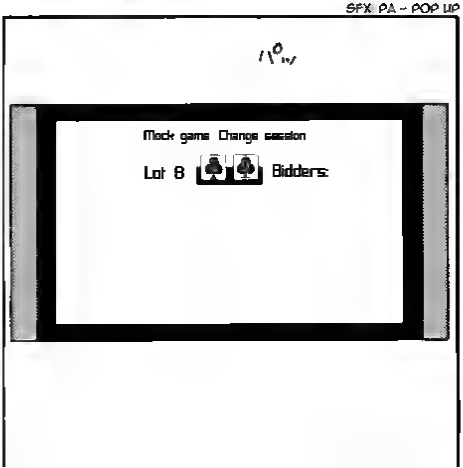
SO THE QUESTION IS 'HOW MANY COINS SHOULD I BID?'

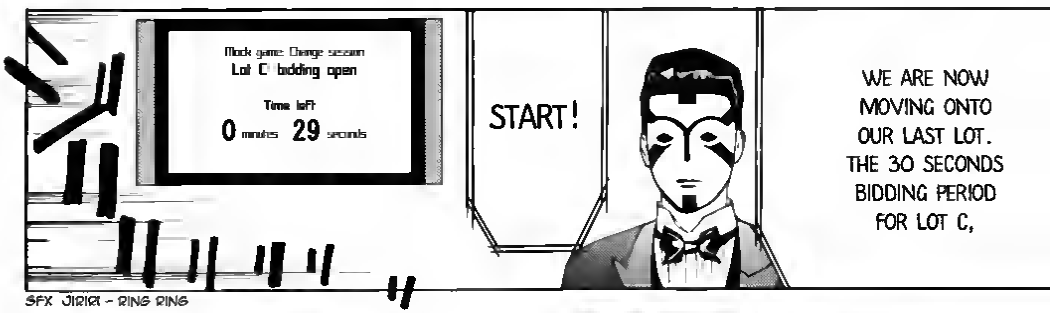
YEAH. I CAN WIN THIS WITH 6 COINS!
THEN MAYBE 6...

THE BIDDING PERIOD IS OVER!
!!
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

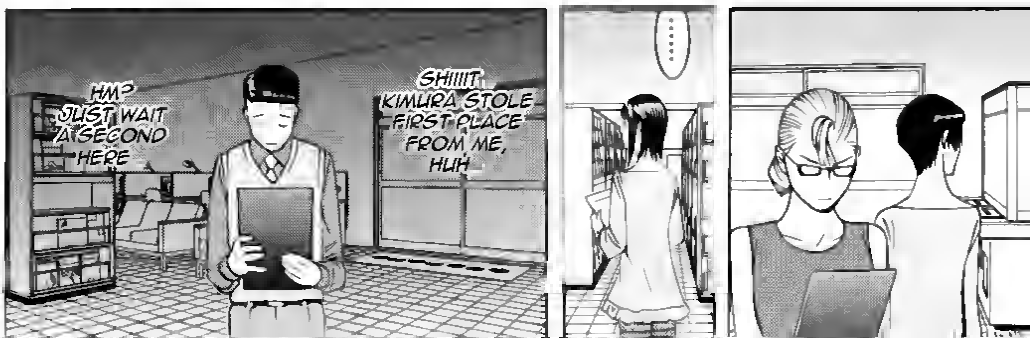

THE BIDDERS FOR LOT B ARE...
Mock game: Change session
Lot B
Announcing bidders and winner...
ALLOW ME TO REVEAL THE BIDDERS AND THE WINNER FOR LOT B!

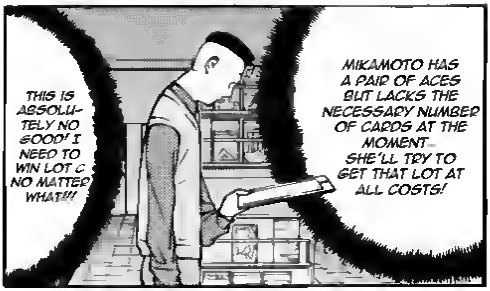
SFX: GA - TA-DA
Mock game: Change session
Lot B Bidders:
Saeki Kiyoshi 6 gold coins


SFX: PA - POP UP
Mock game: Change session
Lot B Bidders:


Mock game: Change session
Lot C bidding open
Time left
0 minutes 29 seconds
START!
WE ARE NOW MOVING ONTO OUR LAST LOT. THE 30 SECONDS BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT C,

SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING




THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD! I NEED TO WIN LOT C NO MATTER WHAT!!!
MIKAMOTO HAS A PAIR OF ACES BUT LACKS THE NECESSARY NUMBER OF CARDS AT THE MOMENT... SHE'LL TRY TO GET THAT LOT AT ALL COSTS!

SFX: PA – POP UP

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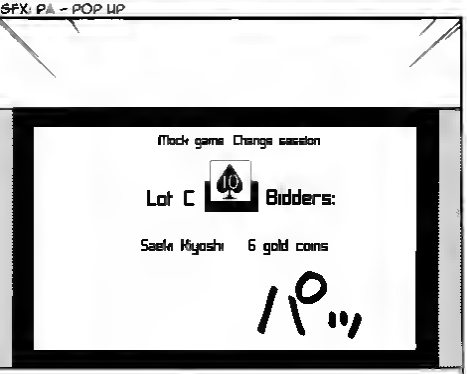

SFX: BA - TA-DA

Mock game: Change session

Lot B 10 Bidders:

Saeki Kiyoshi 6 gold coins
Mikamoto Mika 8 gold coins

Winner:

Mikamoto Mika

SFX: OOO - SURPRISE

I... lost...

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TWO PLAYERS BID ON LOT C! AND THE WINNER IS MIKAMOTO-SAN!

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE MONITOR TO SEE THE DETAILED RESULTS!

THUS, THE WINNER OF OUR MOCK GAME IS KIMURA-SAN WITH *STRAIGHT*!

Mock game: Final results

1st place — **Kimura Kei**
Ranking: straight

Balance breakdown	
At the start	30 coins
Dealing bid win	−1 coin
Lot B win	−8 coins
1st place reward	+10 coins
LGT Office return	−10 coins
Total	21 coins

2nd place — **Mikamoto Mika**
Ranking: one pair of As

Balance breakdown	
At the start	30 coins
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Lot B discard	+8 coins
Lot C win	−8 coins
2nd place reward	+4 coins
LGT Office return	−10 coins
Total	23 coins

3rd place — **Saeki Kiyoshi**
Ranking: one pair of 10s

Balance breakdown	
At the start	30 coins
Dealing bid win	−1 coin
3rd place reward	+1 coin
LGT office return	−10 coins
Total	20 coins

4th place — **Kanzaki Nao**
Ranking: one pair of 5s

Balance breakdown	
At the start	30 coins
Dealing bid win	−1 coin
Lot C discard	+8 coins
4th place loss	−15 coins
LGT office return	−10 coins
Total	12 coins

SFX: GAN - TA-DA

YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR THE MOCK GAME, ALL CONFIDENT IN YOUR VICTORY, BUT IN THE END CAME IN WEAK THIRD, HUH!
NOW, THAT WAS LAME, SAEKI
Aah_

Yeah only I don't feel like celebrating that_
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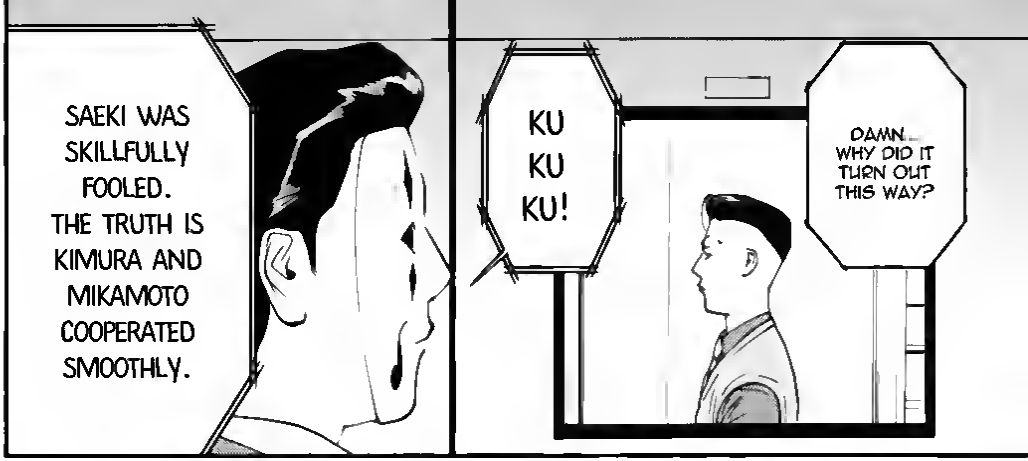
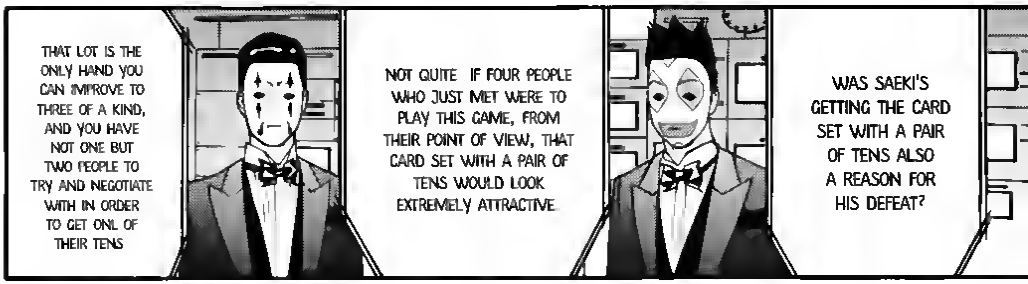
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAME IN THIRD, SAEKI-SAN, YOU STILL MANAGED TO MAKE A PROFIT OF 20 COINS.

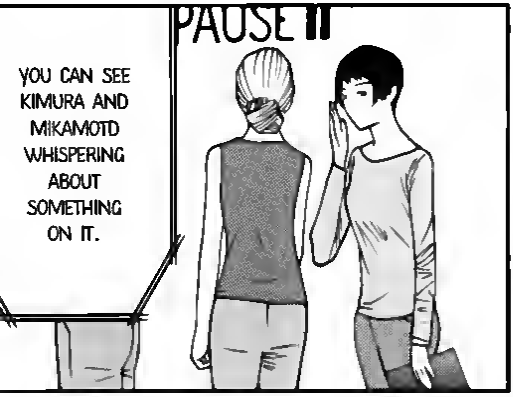

SAEKI WAS SKILLFULLY FOOLED. THE TRUTH IS KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO COOPERATED SMOOTHLY.
KU KU KU!
DAMN... WHY DID IT TURN OUT THIS WAY?

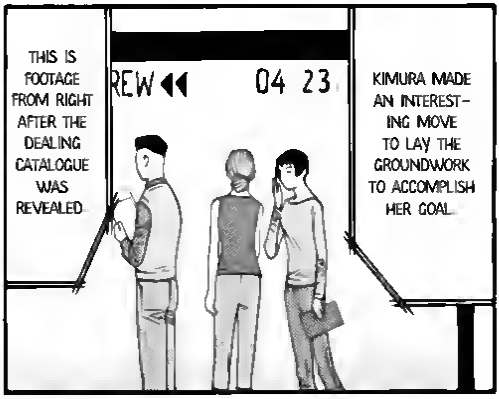

THAT LOT IS THE ONLY HAND YOU CAN IMPROVE TO THREE OF A KIND, AND YOU HAVE NOT ONE BUT TWO PEOPLE TO TRY AND NEGOTIATE WITH IN ORDER TO GET ONE OF THEIR TENS
NOT QUITE. IF FOUR PEOPLE WHO JUST MET WERE TO PLAY THIS GAME, FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW, THAT CARD SET WITH A PAIR OF TENS WOULD LOOK EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE.
WAS SAEKI'S GETTING THE CARD SET WITH A PAIR OF TENS ALSO A REASON FOR HIS DEFEAT?

FOR THE TWO OF THEM, GETTING LOT B AND LOT C WAS, IN FACT, THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME.
THIS FACT ALONE MAKES THE SITUATION DIFFERENT.
BUT IN THIS GAME KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO ARE FAITHFUL ALLIES.

ALRIGHT MIKAMOTO-SAN BIDS ON LOT A, THEN.
I'D LIKE TO BID ON LOT A
CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT MIKAMOTO WANTED LOT A WITH A PAIR OF TENS AT FIRST, DIDN'T SHE?
HUH?!
FU FU FU.

MAKING SAEKI CHOOSE LOT A WAS PART OF THEIR PLAN TO GET LOT B AND LOT C FOR THEMSELVES.
SHE DID IT ON PURPOSE.


PAUSE II
YOU CAN SEE KIMURA AND MIKAMOTD WHISPERING ABOUT SOMETHING ON IT.


THIS IS FOOTAGE FROM RIGHT AFTER THE DEALING CATALOGUE WAS REVEALED
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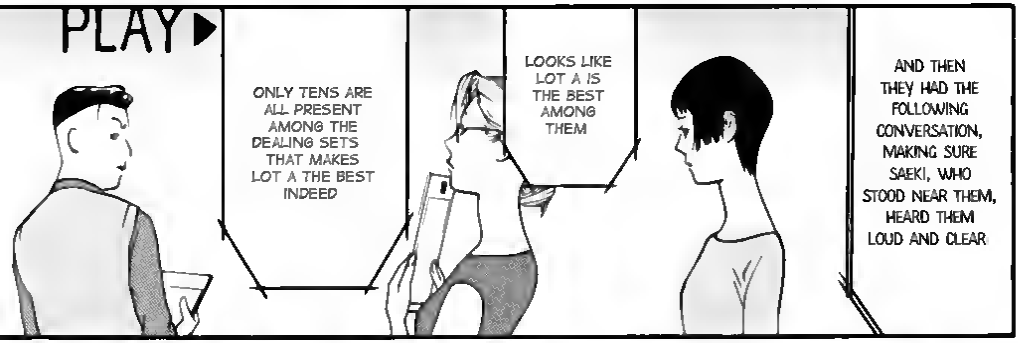
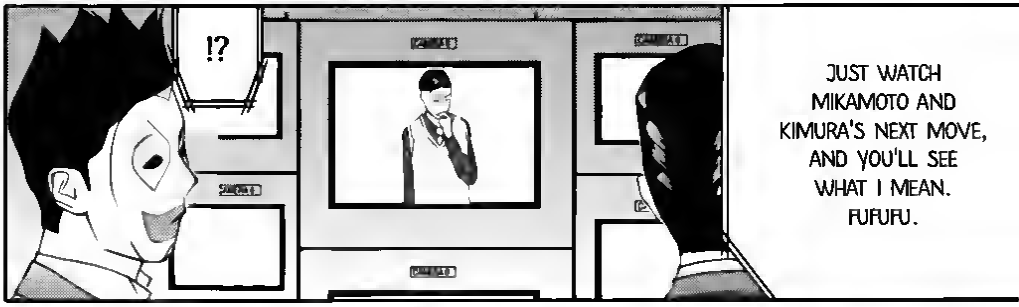
KIMURA MADE AN INTEREST-ING MOVE TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK TO ACCOMPLISH HER GOAL


PLAY ▶
ONLY TENS ARE ALL PRESENT AMONG THE DEALING SETS THAT MAKES LOT A THE BEST INDEED
LOOKS LIKE LOT A IS THE BEST AMONG THEM
AND THEN THEY HAD THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION, MAKING SURE SAEKI, WHO STOOD NEAR THEM, HEARD THEM LOUD AND CLEAR

UNKNOWN TO HER AND SAEKI, KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO'S DEVIOUS SCHEME WAS ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY
A BIT LATER KANZAKI NAO SUGGESTED THE FOUR OF THEM COOPERATE, BUT,
AAH!

NO. FAR FROM IT, IN FACT.
FU FU.
WAS THAT THE TRAP NEARCO-SAN WAS TALKING ABOUT?

IS MUCH MORE GRAND.
THE TRAP THAT KANZAKI AND SAEKI FELL INTO
WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT IS NOT THAT PLAIN.


!?
JUST WATCH MIKAMOTO AND KIMURA'S NEXT MOVE, AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN. FUFUFU.

!?
THERE WAS A WAY FOR YOU TO WIN, SAEKI-SAN
AND THAT WAS

FU FU FU.
NO, IT'S POSSIBLE TO TELL IT WASN'T ENOUGH ONLY IN HINDSIGHT. I JUST DON'T GET WHY THEY DID WHAT THEY DID.
WAS IT BECAUSE 6 COINS WAS NOT ENOUGH?
HM... WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

...BY COOPERATING WITH KANZAKI-SAN AND GETTING HER TO SEIZE THAT KING OF DIAMONDS.

THAT'S WHY...
THAT WAS THE WORST CASE SCENARIO TO US... WE WERE VERY AFRAID YOU'D DO EXACTLY THAT
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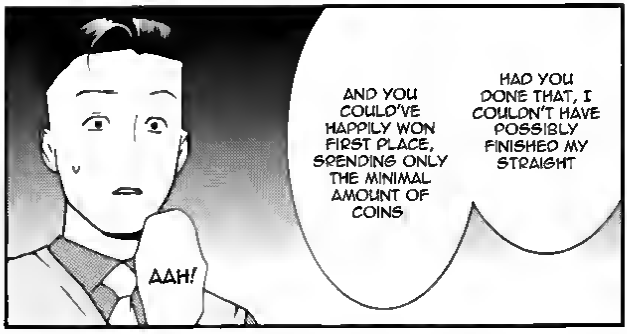
AAH!
AND YOU COULD'VE HAPPILY WON FIRST PLACE, SPENDING ONLY THE MINIMAL AMOUNT OF COINS
HAD YOU DONE THAT, I COULDN'T HAVE POSSIBLY FINISHED MY STRAIGHT

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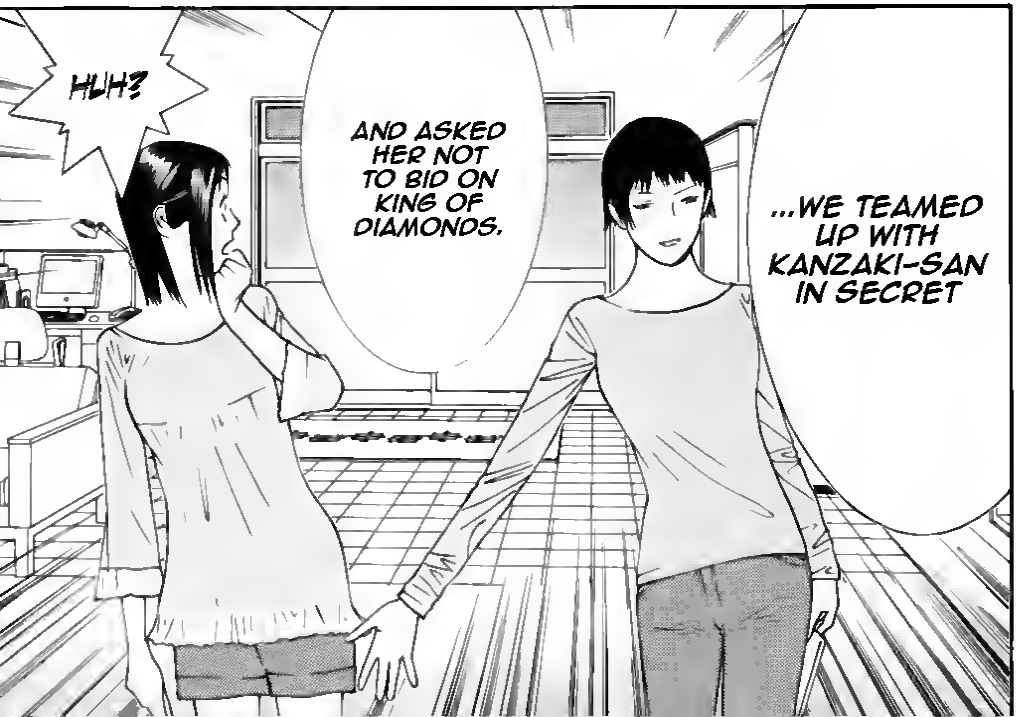
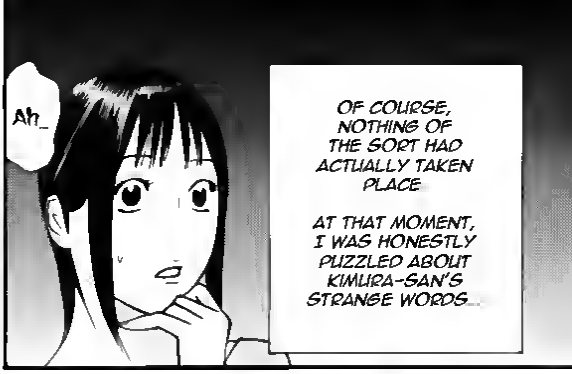

HUH?
AND ASKED HER NOT TO BID ON KING OF DIAMONDS.
...WE TEAMED UP WITH KANZAKI-SAN IN SECRET

FUFUFU. COME ON, KANZAKI-SAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT ANYMORE. THE GAME IS ALREADY OVER, AFTER ALL
I don't know what you are talking about


Ah_
OF COURSE, NOTHING OF THE SORT HAD ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE.
AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS HONESTLY PUZZLED ABOUT KIMURA-SAN'S STRANGE WORDS...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WHEN SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS, PEOPLE USUALLY CAN'T REACT ACCORDINGLY RIGHT AWAY
Huh_? Wha_?

WOULD RESULT IN AN UNBELIEVABLY DREADFUL STATE OF AFFAIRS LATER...
The poker game will start in a few minutes.
The poker game will start in a few minutes.
BUT I COULDN'T HAVE EVEN IMAGINED THAT MY INABILITY TO SAY, "I HAVE NO SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT NONSENSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT", LOUD AND CLEAR FOR ALL TO HEAR AT THAT MOMENT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
LIAR GAME
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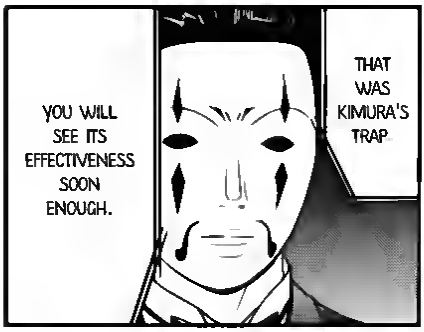

Mock game: Final results

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		Total	21 coins
2nd place	Mikamoto Mika Ranking: one pair of 8s	At the start	30 coins
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		Lot B discard	+8 coins
		Lot C win	−8 coins
		2nd place reward	+4 coins
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3rd place	Saeki Kiyoshi Ranking: one pair of 10s	At the start	30 coins
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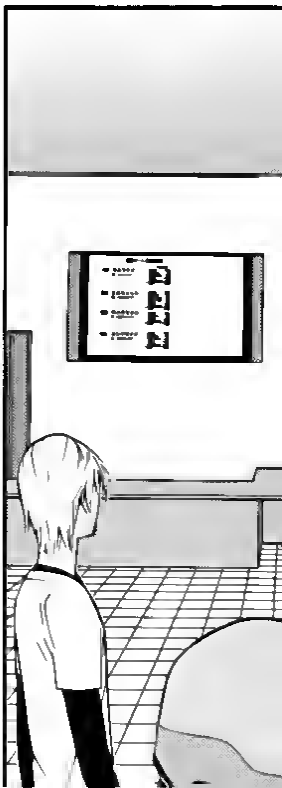

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WELL THEN,
THE REAL GAME WILL START IN A FEW MINUTES.

THERE IS ABOUT 10 MINUTES TILL THE GAME STARTS, SO ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU A FEW WARNINGS YET AGAIN.
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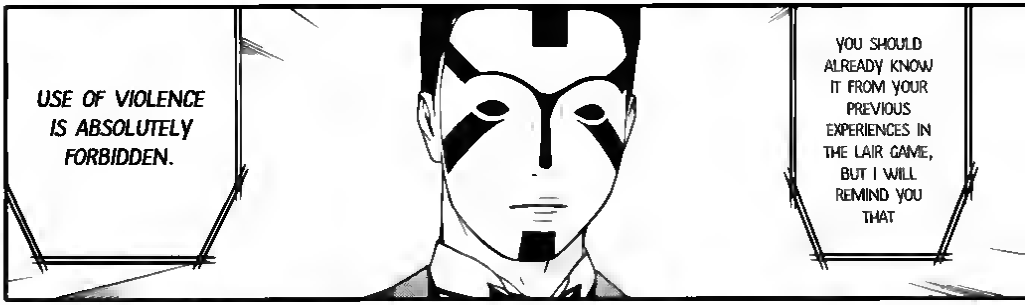
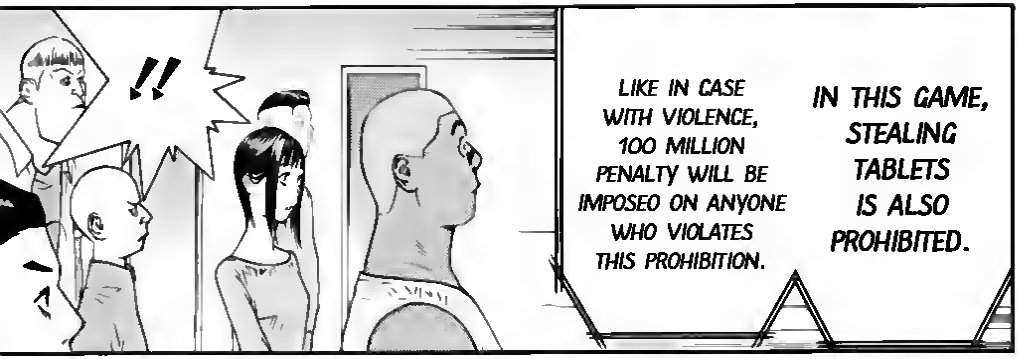

USE OF VIOLENCE IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.
YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW IT FROM YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES IN THE LAIR GAME, BUT I WILL REMIND YOU THAT

IF YOU COMMIT ANY ACT OF VIOLENCE...
OUR AGENTS HAVE THIS PLACE AND ALL OF YOU UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE.
.....

ALSO, FOR TODAY'S GAME YOU ALL WERE GIVEN TABLETS... PLEASE MAKE SURE NOT TO LOSE THEM SINCE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME WITHOUT THEM.
.....
SO I SINCERELY ASK OF YOU TO STEER CLEAR OF SUCH METHODS.
YOU WILL GET PENALIZED 100 MILLION FOR EACH INSTANCE OF VIOLENCE.

HOW-
EVER...
I AM SURE THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD WANT TO STEAL THE OTHER PLAYERS' TABLETS DURING THE GAME.
STILL,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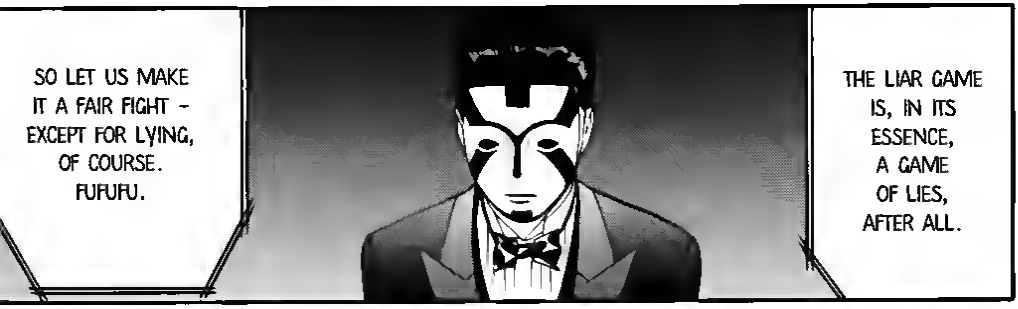
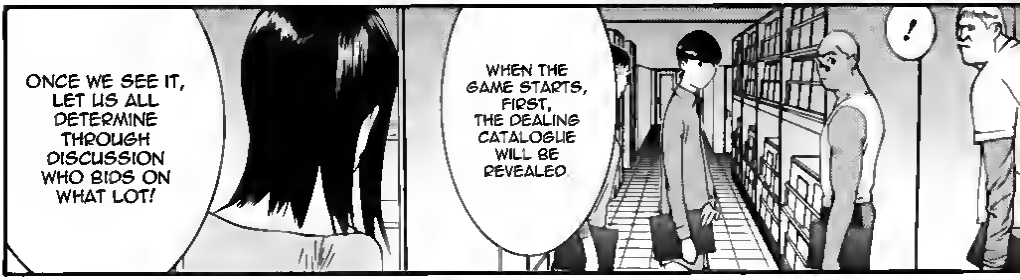
LIKE IN CASE WITH VIOLENCE, 100 MILLION PENALTY WILL BE IMPOSED ON ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THIS PROHIBITION.
IN THIS GAME, STEALING TABLETS IS ALSO PROHIBITED.


SO LET US MAKE IT A FAIR FIGHT - EXCEPT FOR LYING, OF COURSE. FUFUFU.
THE LIAR GAME IS, IN ITS ESSENCE, A GAME OF LIES, AFTER ALL.

.....
LIKE HELL WE CAN DO THAT.
RELAX MY ASS...

.....
SO YOU CAN RELAX FOR THAT SHORT WHILE THAT WILL BE ALL.
YOU STILL HAVE ABOUT 5 MINUTES TILL THE GAME STARTS,

UM... I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT I WILL REPEAT IT AGAIN:
EVERYBODY, LET US COOPERATE IN THE DEALING SESSION, AND IN THE DEALING SESSION ALONE!


WHEN THE GAME STARTS, FIRST, THE DEALING CATALOGUE WILL BE REVEALED.
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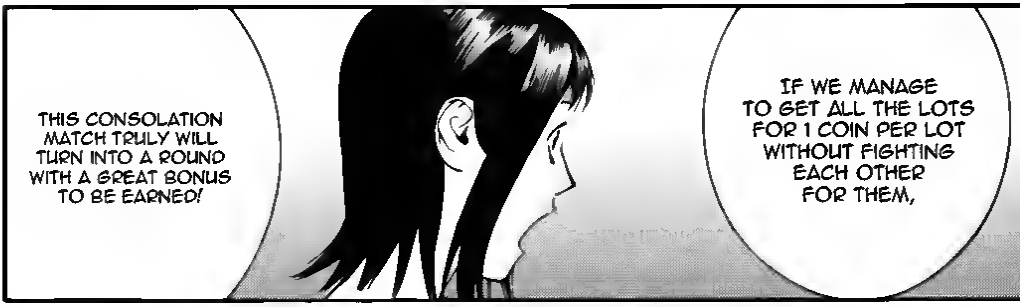
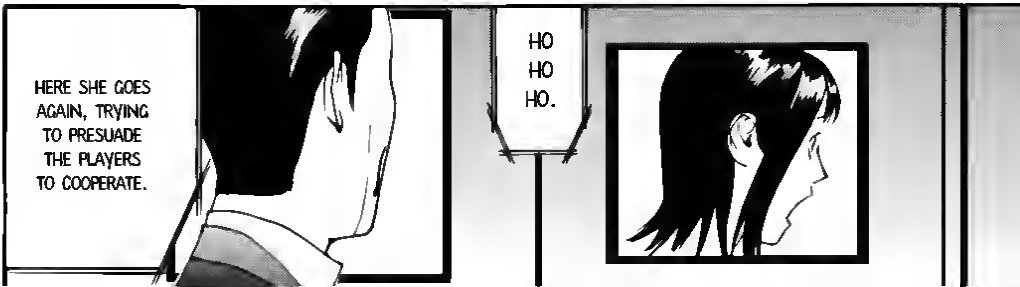
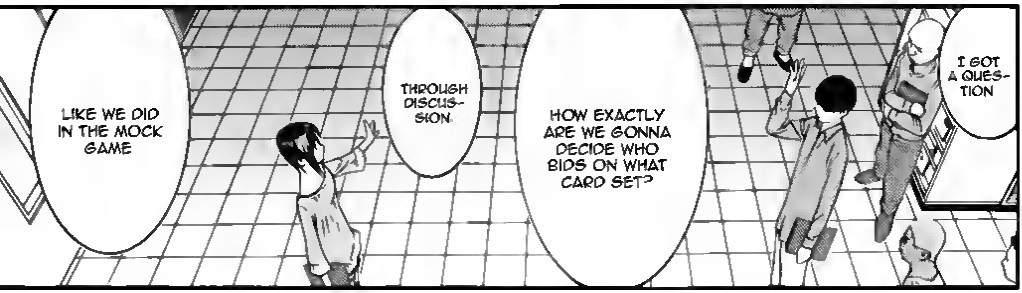
ONCE WE SEE IT, LET US ALL DETERMINE THROUGH DISCUSSION WHO BIDS ON WHAT LOT!

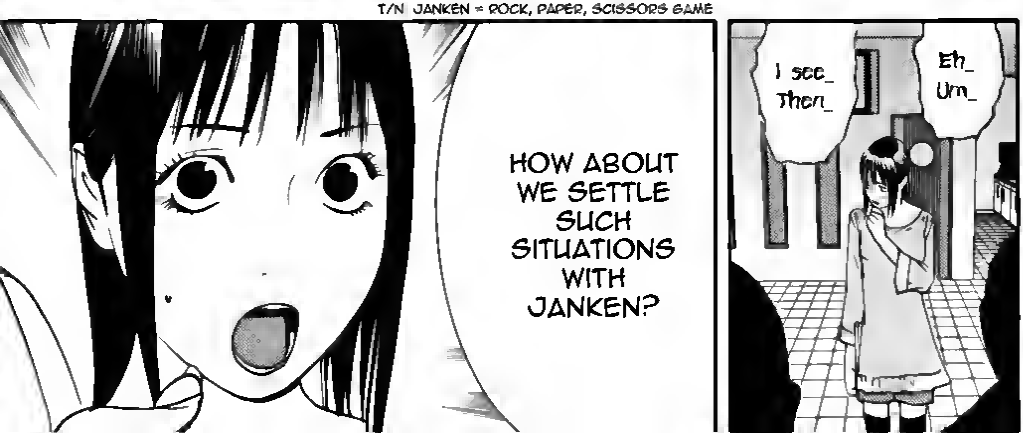

IF WE MANAGE TO GET ALL THE LOTS FOR 1 COIN PER LOT WITHOUT FIGHTING EACH OTHER FOR THEM,
THIS CONSOLATION MATCH TRULY WILL TURN INTO A ROUND WITH A GREAT BONUS TO BE EARNED!


HO HO HO.
HERE SHE GOES AGAIN, TRYING TO PRESUADE THE PLAYERS TO COOPERATE.



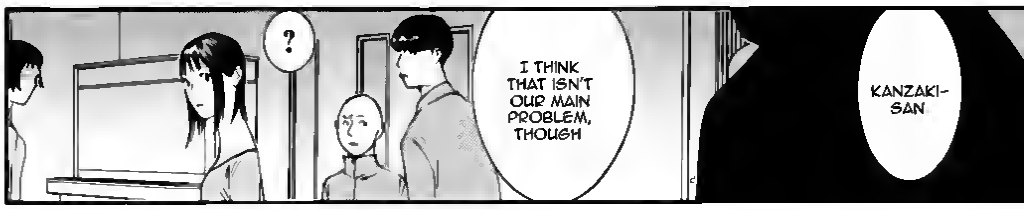
IS THERE EVEN A PLAUSIBLE CHANCE TO RESOLVE SITUATIONS LIKE THAT THROUGH TALKING?
IF WORST COMES TO WORST, THERE MIGHT BE 7-8 PLAYERS WANTING THE SAME LOT.
NO, NO, THAT'S NO GOOD. THERE WERE ONLY 4 PEOPLE IN THE MOCK GAME, SO IT WAS SORT OF POSSIBLE TO TALK IT OUT, BUT IN THE REAL GAME, WE HAVE 11 PEOPLE, YOU KNOW.

T/N: JANKEN = ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS GAME



I guess...
AND IT WILL NOT TAKE MUCH TIME, RIGHT?
THIS WAY, NO ONE WOULD FEEL THEY WERE TREATED UNFAIR!

WELL, WHATEVER WORKS, I SUPPOSE- KUKUKU.
KUKUKU. JANKEN, EH.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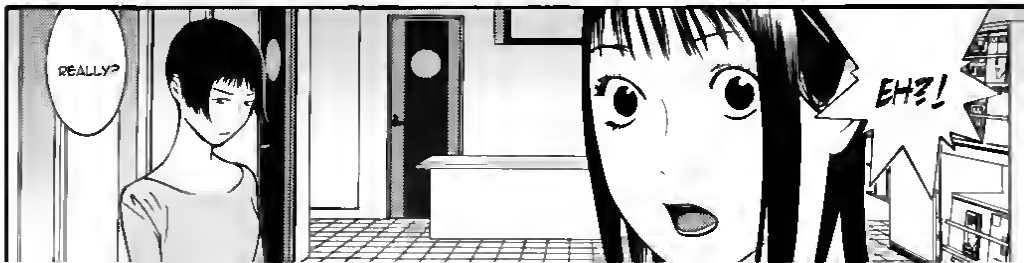
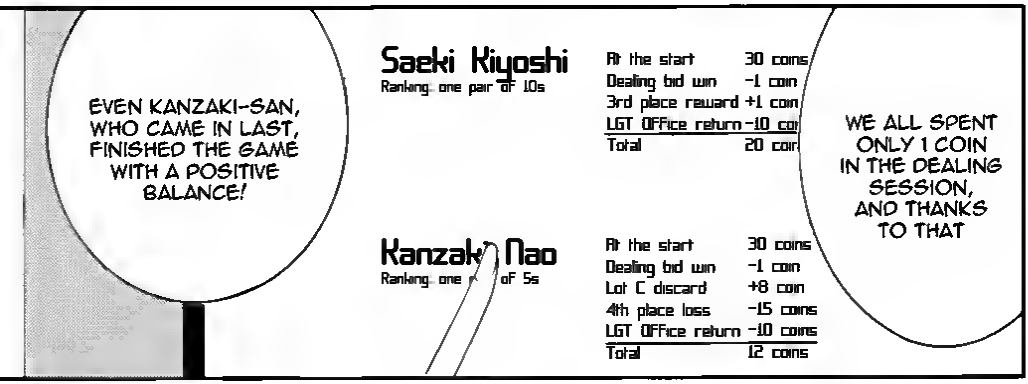
I THINK THAT ISN'T OUR MAIN PROBLEM, THOUGH
KANZAKI-SAN

I SUSPECT THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF GUYS WHO'D WANNA BETRAY US ALL, YOU KNOW.
SUPPOSE WE'VE DECIDED ON WHO BIDS ON WHAT LOT, BUT WHEN THE TIME TO BID COMES,


REALLY?
EH?!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF THE MOCK GAME ONE MORE TIME.
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND A SIMPLE THING LIKE THAT?


EVEN KANZAKI-SAN, WHO CAME IN LAST, FINISHED THE GAME WITH A POSITIVE BALANCE!
Saeki Kiyoshi
Ranking: one pair of 10s
At the start 30 coins
Dealing bid win -1 coin
3rd place reward +1 coin
LGT Office return -10 coi
Total 20 coi
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At the start 30 coins
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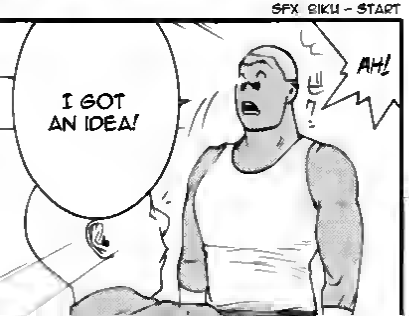
Total 12 coins
WE ALL SPENT ONLY 1 COIN IN THE DEALING SESSION, AND THANKS TO THAT

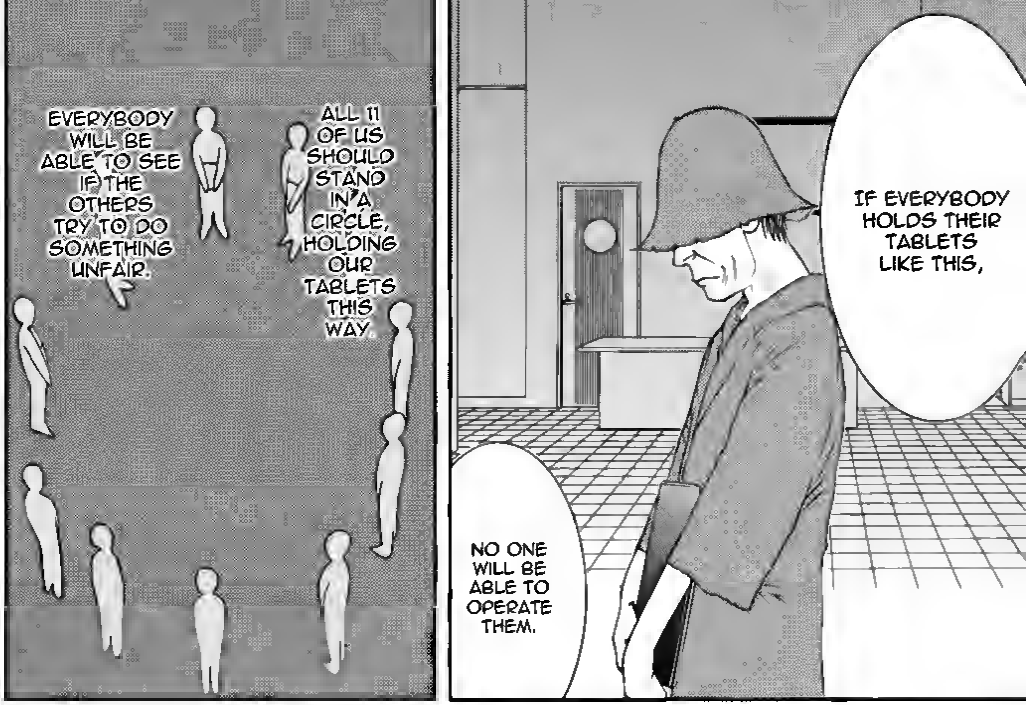
SFX: SIKU - START



IN OTHER WORDS, THIS GAME CAN BECOME A GAME WITH NO LOSERS IF WE ALL SIMPLY COOPERATE DURING THE DEALING SESSION!
THERE WILL BE NO RISK INVOLVED FOR ANY OF US!

IF SOMEONE BETRAYS US, HOW ABOUT THEY'LL HAVE THEIR TABLET TAKEN FROM THEM AS PUNISHMENT?!
NOTHING CAN BE WORST IN THIS GAME, RIGHT?!
THAT WAY, THEY WON'T GET TO USE THAT TABLET AGAIN!
Hah?
.....
WHAT?!
ARE YOU REALLY THAT STUPID...?
AH?!
WHO'D JUST OBEDIENTLY COMPLY WHEN YOU COME TO THEM AND SAY, 'YOU BROKE OUR AGREEMENT, SO HAND YOUR TABLET OVER TO US'? IT'S OBVIOUS THEY'LL SAY, 'GO TO HELL, I'M NOT HANDING ANYTHING TO YOU!'
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN FIND A RETARDED SIMPLETON ANYWHERE

You really are a total moron!!! Dunce!!! The dealer explained just a few minutes ago that you'll get 100 million penalty imposed on your dumb ass if you snatch away someone's tablet!!!
Then how about we'll say, 'you promised', and then just take it by force?
Ah_
So my deal's no good_
Yeah out of question
I can't release your stun pretty
Ha ha ha ha!
Trouble's brewing up nicely!
Getting everybody to cooperate to get all the card sets for 1 coin only is not easy at all...
Ku ku ku.
Um... we need to come up with some plan what should we do_
There's a good way
Harimoto-san!

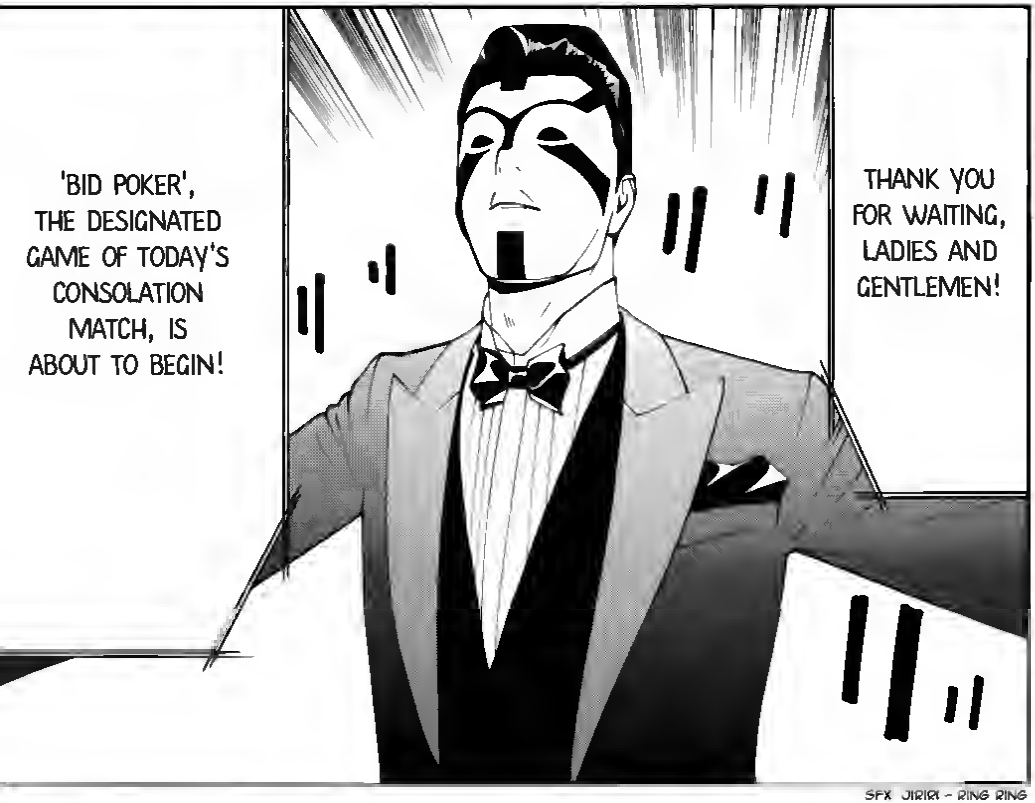

EVERYBODY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IF THE OTHERS TRY TO DO SOMETHING UNFAIR.
ALL 11 OF US SHOULD STAND IN A CIRCLE, HOLDING OUR TABLETS THIS WAY.
IF EVERYBODY HOLDS THEIR TABLETS LIKE THIS,
NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE THEM.

YEAH, LET'S GO WITH THAT
SOUNDS GOOD
I SEE! NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO CHEAT THAT WAY!

MN -HM.
LOOKS LIKE THEY ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN COMING TO AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE GAME!
WOW!

THAT'S HARIMOTO FOR YOU.
AND THERE HE GOES, MAKING HIS MOVE

SFX: JIRIR - RING RING



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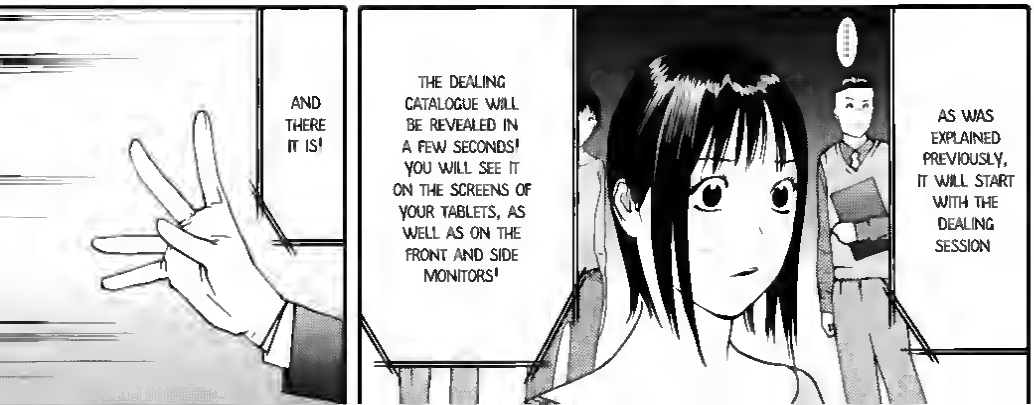
AND THERE IT IS!
THE DEALING CATALOGUE WILL BE REVEALED IN A FEW SECONDS! YOU WILL SEE IT ON THE SCREENS OF YOUR TABLETS, AS WELL AS ON THE FRONT AND SIDE MONITORS!
AS WAS EXPLAINED PREVIOUSLY, IT WILL START WITH THE DEALING SESSION

Catalogue

Dealing session

Lot Catalogue

Lot A

Lot B

Lot C

Lot D

Lot E

Lot F

Lot G

Lot H

Lot I

Lot J

Consideration time

Time left

30 min 00 sec

SFX: BAN - TA-DA

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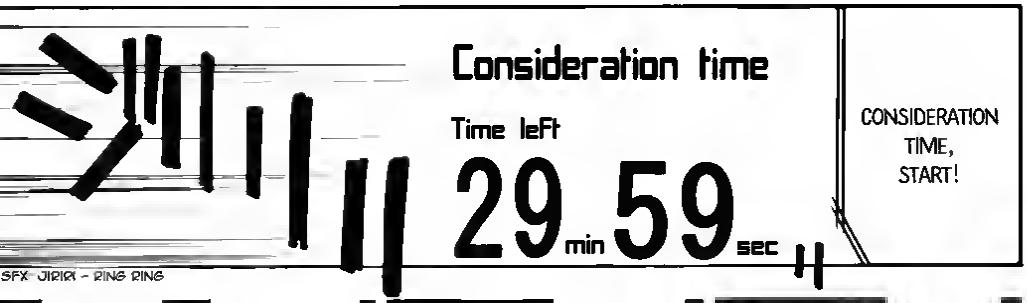
Oh

WELL THEN,
YOU WILL HAVE A 30 MINUTES CONSIDERATION PERIOD. AFTER THAT, WE WILL BEGIN THE BIDDING PROCESS STARTING WITH LOT A.



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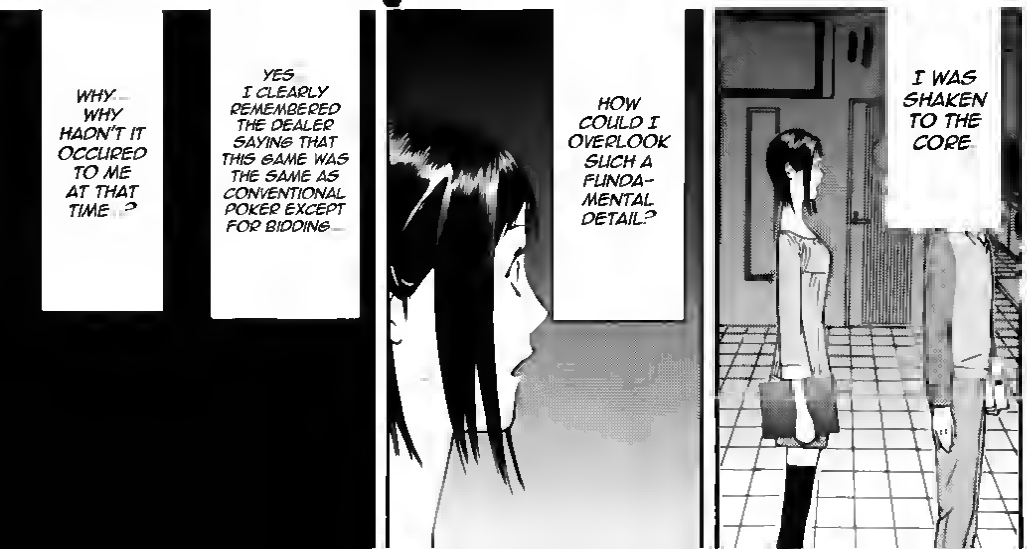
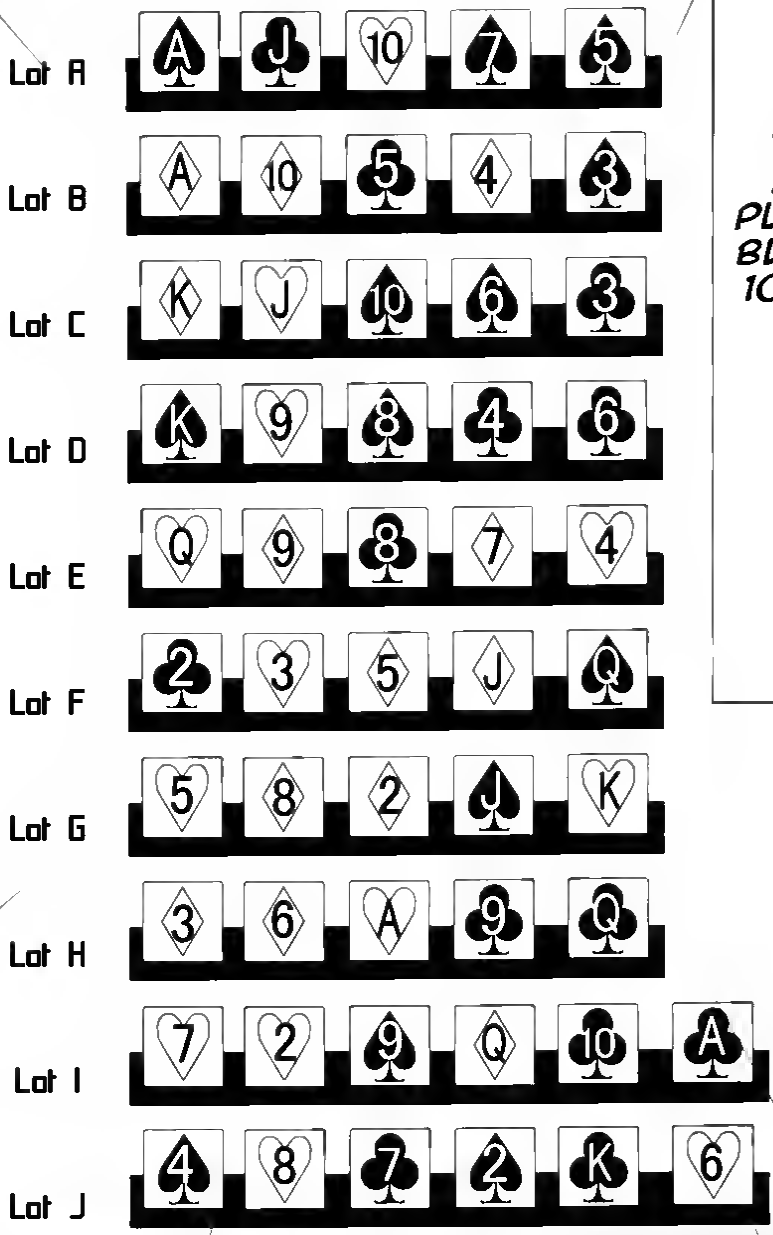
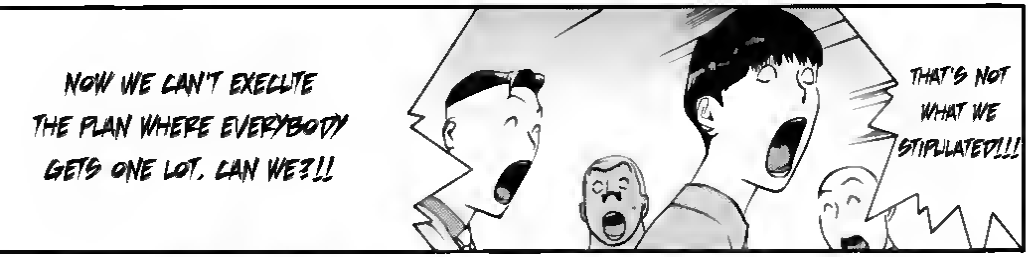

WHY... WHY HADN'T IT OCCURED TO ME AT THAT TIME...?
YES I CLEARLY REMEMBERED THE DEALER SAYING THAT THIS GAME WAS THE SAME AS CONVENTIONAL POKER EXCEPT FOR BIDDING...
HOW COULD I OVERLOOK SUCH A FUNDA-MENTAL DETAIL?
I WAS SHAKEN TO THE CORE

Lot Catalogue



THERE ARE 11 PLAYERS, BUT ONLY 10 LOTS!

THERE'RE ONLY 10 LOTS!!!
HEY!!! WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
THE OTHER PLAYERS WERE ALSO PANICKING.
THAT MEANS ONE OF US WON'T GET A LOT!!! AND NO WAY AROUND IT!!!


NOW WE CAN'T EXECUTE THE PLAN WHERE EVERYBODY GETS ONE LOT. CAN WE?!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE STIPULATED!!!

THEY'RE ALL IN GREAT TURMOIL! HAHAHA!
BHAAAHA HAHAHA!
What are we gonna do?! 11 people, just 10 lots!!!
How should I know?!
How can we cooperate now?!

EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT, EVERYBODY!
SILENCE PLEASE! CALM DOWN!

I WILL NOT BID.

THIS WAY, EVERYBODY ELSE WILL GET A LOT.

WHOO OOAH!

Dealing session

Lot Catalogue

Lot A

Lot B

Lot C

Lot D

Lot E

Lot F

Lot G

Lot H

Lot I

Lot J

Chapter 147

Mysterious power

LIAR GAME

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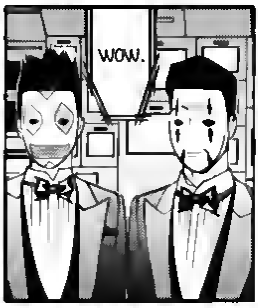
I WILL NOT BID!
THIS WAY, EVERYBODY ELSE WILL GET A LOT!

Are you for real_?
Are you sure it's OK with you?
YES, I AM SURE.


WOW.

THE TRUTH IS
I AM CURRENTLY DEBTLESS AS MY DEBT WAS PAID OFF.

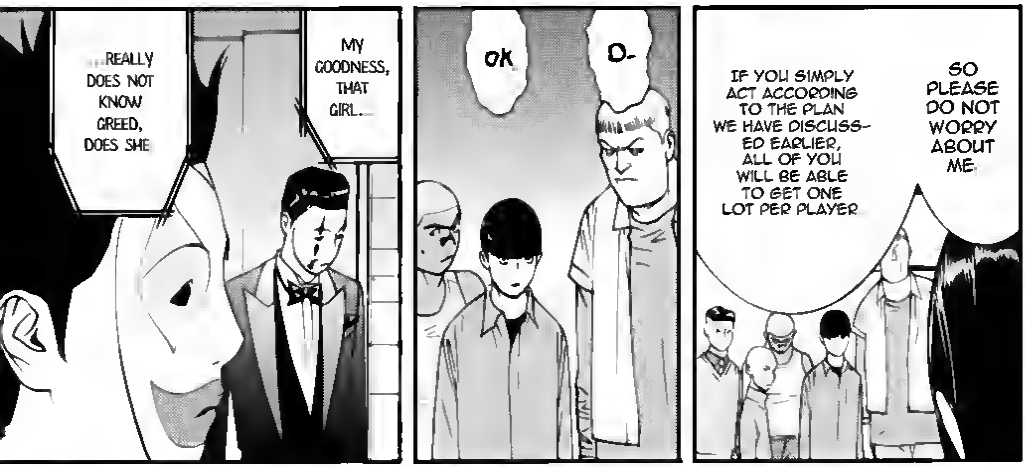
Gain depending on placement

1st place	*+100 million*
2nd place	*+40 million*
3rd place	*+10 million*
Last place	*-150 million*

UPON A CLOSER LOOK, THESE RULES MEAN THAT YOU CAN GAIN 50 MILLION SIMPLY BY DOING NOTHING AND, THUS, PLACING LAST.

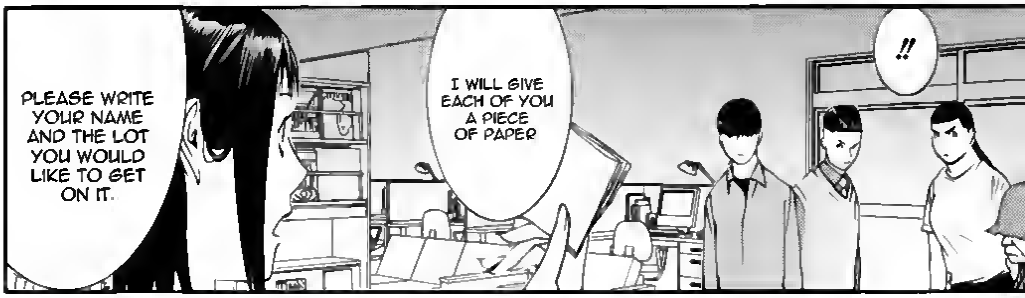
AS PER THE RULES OF THIS CONSOLATION MATCH, THE 1ST OFFICE LENDS EACH PLAYER 300 MILLION AND REQUESTS HIM OR HER TO RETURN 100 MILLION AFTER THE END OF THE GAME

THE PLAYER WHO CAME IN LAST LOSES 150 MILLION


...REALLY DOES NOT KNOW GREED, DOES SHE
MY GOODNESS, THAT GIRL...
OK
D-
IF YOU SIMPLY ACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN WE HAVE DISCUSSED EARLIER, ALL OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET ONE LOT PER PLAYER
SO PLEASE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ME

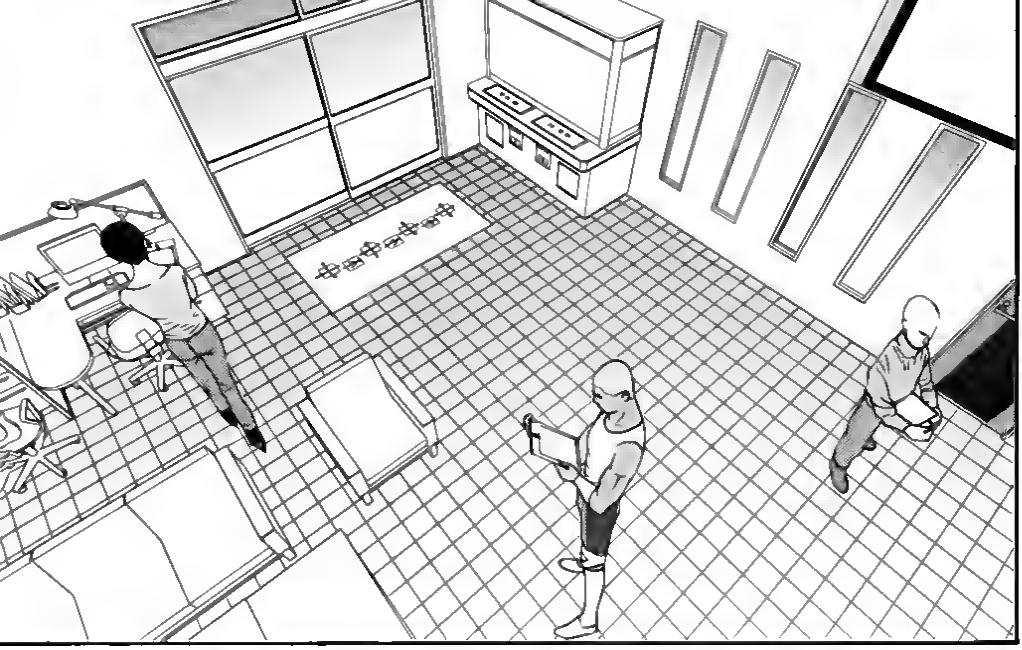
AT THAT POINT, THE CRISIS WAS AVERTED WITH RELATIVE EASE
I QUICKLY DECLARED RENUNCIATION OF MY BIDDING RIGHT, AND THANKS TO THAT

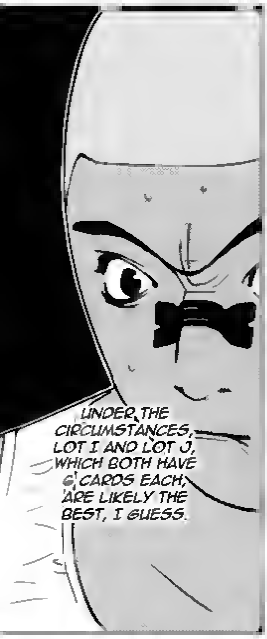
LET US NOT WASTE OUR TIME AND DECIDE WHO BIDS ON WHAT LOT!

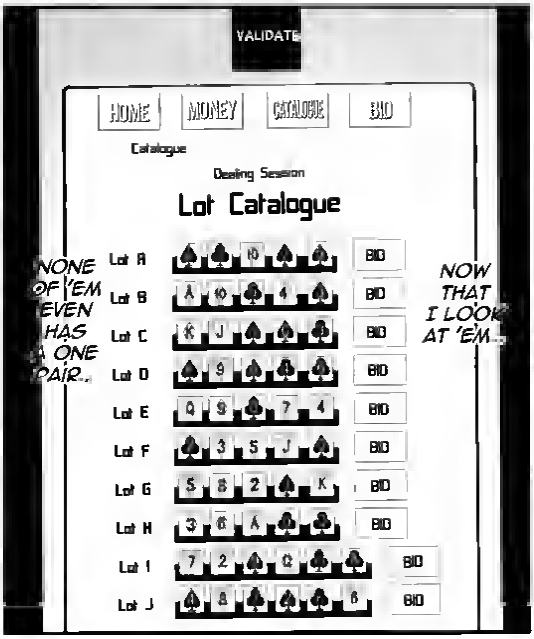

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND THE LOT YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET ON IT.
I WILL GIVE EACH OF YOU A PIECE OF PAPER
!!

IF THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE WANTING TO GET THE SAME LOT, WE WILL DECIDE THE WINNER THROUGH JANKEN.
IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE THE ONLY PLAYER WHO WISHES TO GET A PARTICULAR LOT, THAT LOT WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR YOU TO BID ON.
YOU WILL HAVE UM, LET US SAY, 10 MINUTES TO THINK AFTER 10 MINUTES PASSES, I WILL COLLECT THE SHEETS AND TOTAL THE RESULTS.

YES.
ARE ALL OF YOU ALRIGHT WITH THIS ALGO-RITHM?
IF THERE IS STILL MORE THAN ONE PERSON WISHING TO GET THE SECOND CHOICE LOT, WE WILL REPEAT THE STEP WITH JANKEN
THOSE WHO LOSE AT JANKEN WILL WRITE THEIR SECOND CHOICE LOT ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER




UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, LOT I AND LOT J, WHICH BOTH HAVE 6 CARDS EACH, ARE LIKELY THE BEST, I GUESS.


VALIDATE
HOME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
BID
Catalogue
Dealing Session
Lot Catalogue
NONE OF 'EM EVEN HAS A ONE PAIR...
NOW THAT I LOOK AT 'EM...
Lot A
Lot B
Lot C
Lot D
Lot E
Lot F
Lot G
Lot H
Lot I
Lot J
BID

HMMM...
SO WHICH ONE IS THE BEST LOT AMONG 'EM...?

AND THE RESULTS...
THE TIME IS UP I WILL NOW COLLECT YOUR CHOICES

Lot A: Akiyama (Ex-con), Shimoharada (Mushroom)

Lot B: Harimoto (Samue)

Lot C: Mikamoto (OL)

Lot D:

Lot E:

Lot F:

Lot G:

Lot H:

Lot I: Tanunaka (Giant), Yasukawa (Baldy), Abe (Black ponytail)

Lot J: Kawai (Macho), Saeki (Pomade), Kimura (Shortbob)

...LOOKED LIKE THIS.

HARIMOTO-SAN AND MIKAMOTO-SAN WERE THE ONLY ONES WHOSE LOTS HAD BEEN DECIDED AFTER THE VERY FIRST TRY, AND LOT I AND LOT J, BOTH CONSISTING OF 6 CARDS, TURNED OUT TO BE VERY POPULAR

YEP, WE HAVE SOME MAJOR CLASHES HERE

THAT BOTH HARIMOTO-SAN AND AKIYAMA-SAN COMPLETELY IGNORED THOSE 6 CARD LOTS

WHAT BOTHERED ME A LITTLE WAS THE FACT

JANKEN IT IS, THEN!

ALRIGHT!

...THE LOT DISTRIBUTION TURNED OUT LIKE SO:

Lot A: Shimoharada (Mushroom)

Lot B: Harimoto (Samue)

Lot C: Mikamoto (OL)

Lot D: Abe (Black ponytail)

Lot E: Kimura (Shortbob)

Lot F: Yasukawa (Baldy)

Lot G: Kawai (Macho)

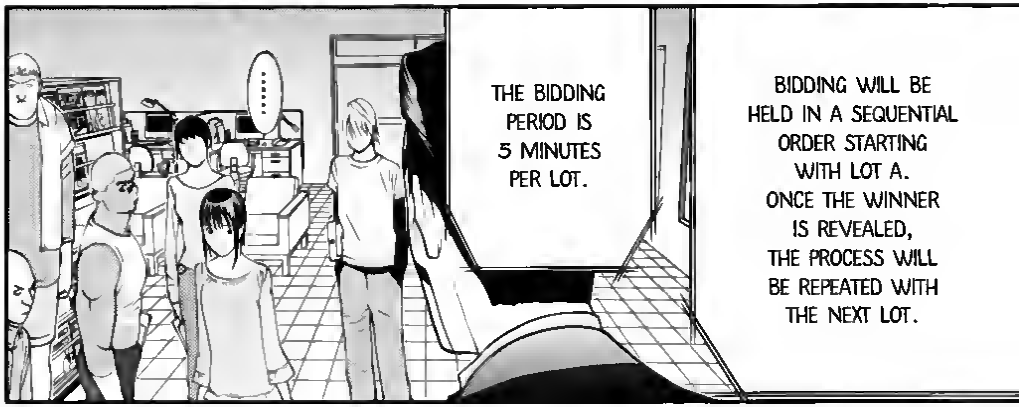
Lot H: Akiyama (Ex-con)

Lot I: Taninaka (Giant)

Lot J: Saeki (Pomade)

SFX JIRIRI – RING RING

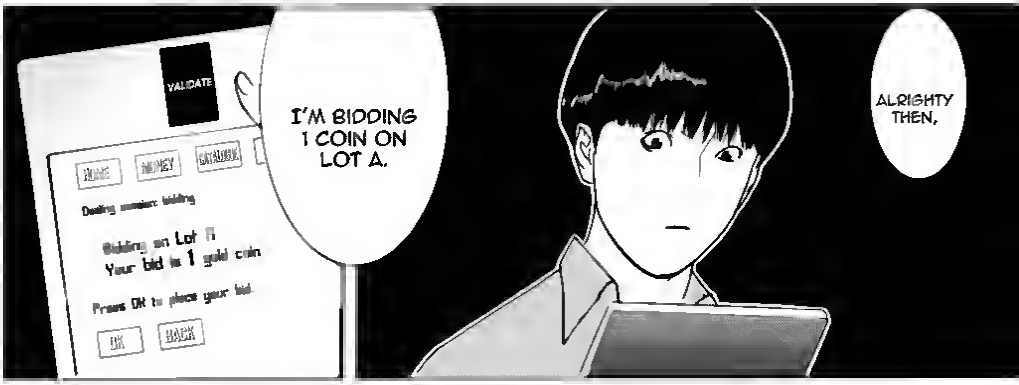
WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO BIDDING!
IT IS TIME!
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

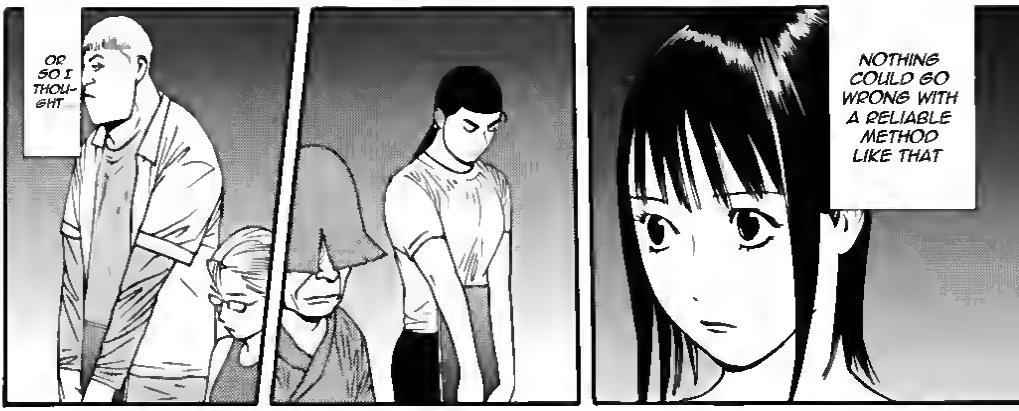

THE BIDDING PERIOD IS 5 MINUTES PER LOT.
BIDDING WILL BE HELD IN A SEQUENTIAL ORDER STARTING WITH LOT A. ONCE THE WINNER IS REVEALED, THE PROCESS WILL BE REPEATED WITH THE NEXT LOT.

SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING
Dealing session
Lot A bidding open
Closes in
4 minutes 59 seconds
FOR LOT A!
WELL THEN, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, ALLOW ME TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE BIDDING PERIOD

ALRIGHT, EVERYBODY!
LET US ALL FORM A CIRCLE AS WE HAVE AGREED EARLIER!
NEXT, WE NEED TO HOLD OUR TABLETS LIKE THIS SO THAT WE COULD NOT OPERATE THEM.
LIKE THIS.
NOW LET US ALL STAND IN A CIRCLE FACING TOWARDS ITS CENTER IN ORDER TO OBSERVE EACH OTHER.

SINCE IT WAS DECIDED THAT SHIMOHARADA-SAN SHOULD BID ON LOT A, ONLY HE IS ALLOWED TO USE HIS TABLET IN THIS PERIOD
PLEASE START, SHIMOHARADA -SAN.
OKAAAAY


ALRIGHTY THEN,
I'M BIDDING 1 COIN ON LOT A.
VALIDATE
NAME
MONEY
CATALOGUE
Dealing members bidding
Bidding on Lot 11
Your bid is 1 gold coin
Press OK to place your bid.
OK
BACK


NOTHING COULD GO WRONG WITH A RELIABLE METHOD LIKE THAT
OR SO I THOU- GHT

AH!!!
AAAAA AAH!!!

Hah?!
FRIGGIN BALDY, YOU!!! YOU JUST USED YOUR TABLET!!!

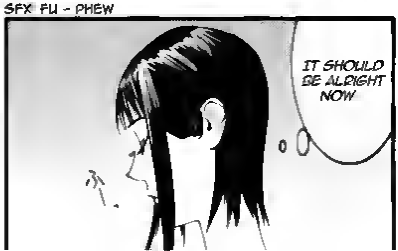
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!
YOU DID! TOTALLY DID!
I did nothing of the sort! Don't put your built accusations on me!

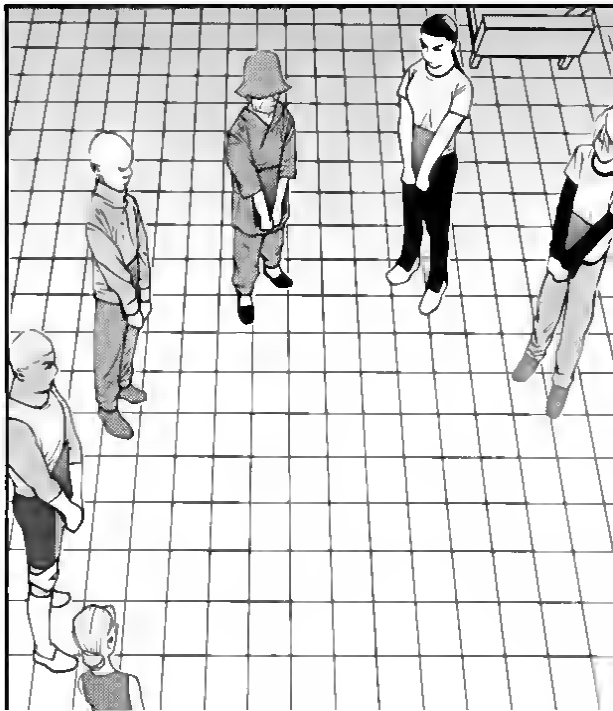
ITCHY DOWN THERE, HUH?! WELL, PUT UP WITH IT FOR 5 GODDAMN MINUTES, GEEZ!!!
NOW, NOW
OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO OPERATE YOUR TABLET!
NO, YOU'RE WRONG! I WAS JUST FEELING ITCHY DOWN THERE, SO I SCRATCHED A LITTLE, IS ALL! SERIOUSLY!
YOU RAISED YOUR TABLET A LITTLE, REACHED YOUR HAND DOWN LIKE THIS AND WAS DOING SOMETHING!

YASUKAWA-SAN, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT LOOK SUSPICIOUS, OK?

EVERYBODY, LET US RE-FORM THE CIRCLE.
Fine.
F-

SFX: FU - PHEW


IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT NOW



SFX: GIKU - STARTLE

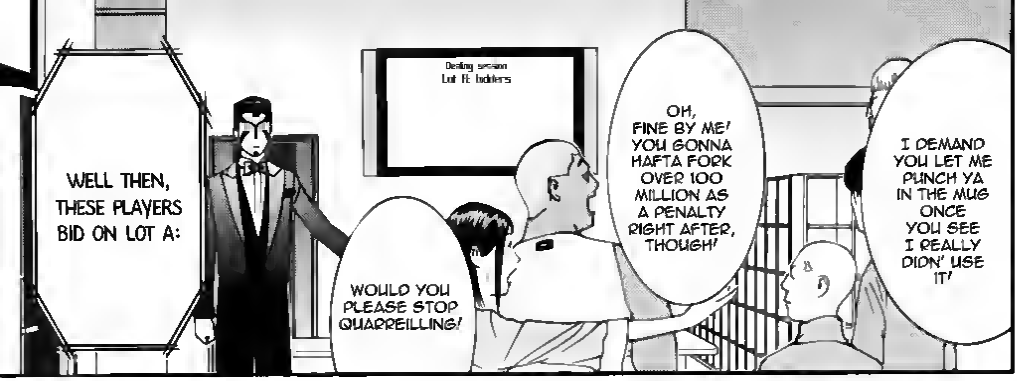
I-I didn't!!!
BALDY!!! YOU TRIED TO USE YOUR TABLET AGAIN JUST NOW!!!
YOU'RE LYING!!! YOU TURNED YOUR TABLET OVER AND TRIED TO PEEK AT THE SCREEN!

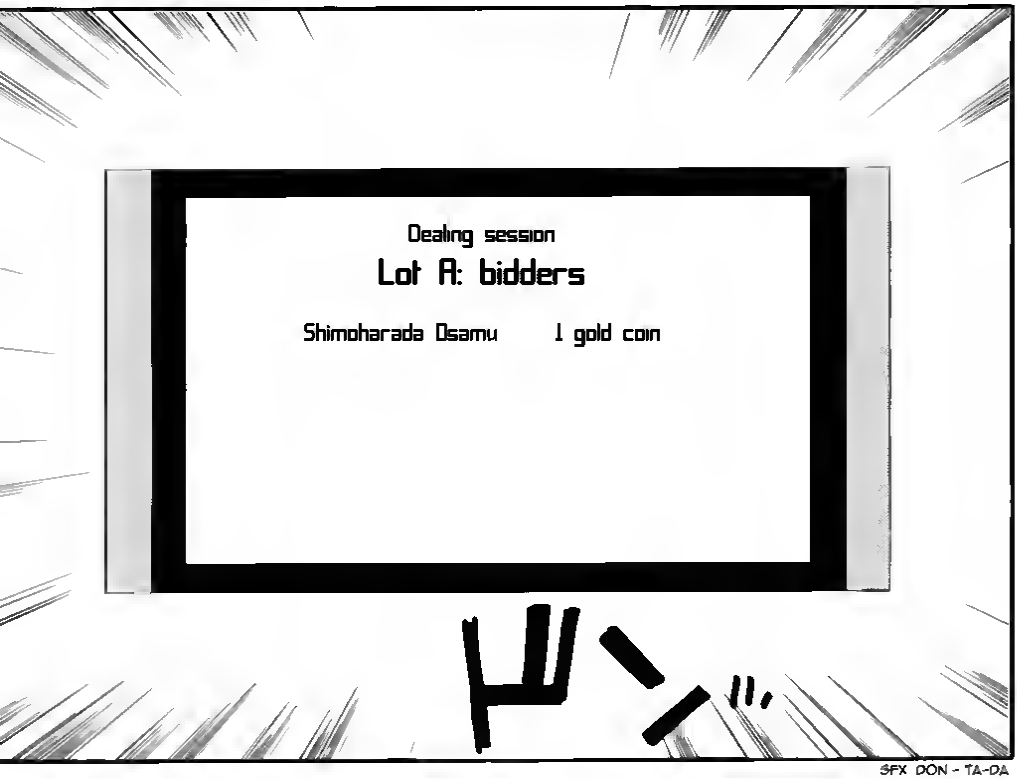
YASUKAWA-SAN! WHY DO YOU KEEP ACTING SO SUSPICIOUS?!
OH, SO YOU ADMIT LOOKING AT IT?!
BUT I DIDN'T USE IT!!!
I JUST HAPPENED TO GLANCE AT IT, IS ALL!!!

!?
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

WOAH.
5 MINUTES FLEW BY ALREADY?
Lot A: bidding CLOSED
THE FIRST BIDDING PERIOD IS OVER!
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING

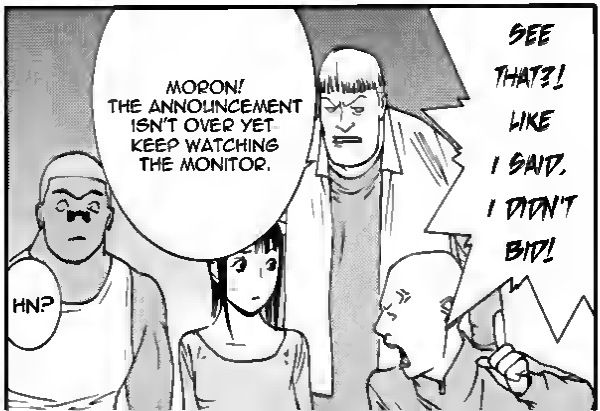
HUH?!
YEAH, AND YOUR CHEATING WILL BE REVEALED FOR ALL TO SEE
I TOLD YA I DIDN'T USE MY TABLET!!!
WE WILL NOW FIND OUT WHO BID ON LOT A AND WHO WON IT.


WELL THEN, THESE PLAYERS BID ON LOT A:
Dealing session
Lot A: bidders
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP QUARREILLING!
OH, FINE BY ME! YOU GONNA HAFTA FORK OVER 100 MILLION AS A PENALTY RIGHT AFTER, THOUGH!
I DEMAND YOU LET ME PUNCH YA IN THE MUG ONCE YOU SEE I REALLY DIDN' USE IT!


Dealing session
Lot A: bidders
Shimoharada Osamu 1 gold coin
ドン!!

SFX DON - TA-DA

WHAA AAAA AAAA AA?!!
AH?!


MORON! THE ANNOUNCEMENT ISN'T OVER YET. KEEP WATCHING THE MONITOR.
HN?
SEE THAT?! LIKE I SAID, I DIDN'T BID!

Dealing session

Lot A: bidders

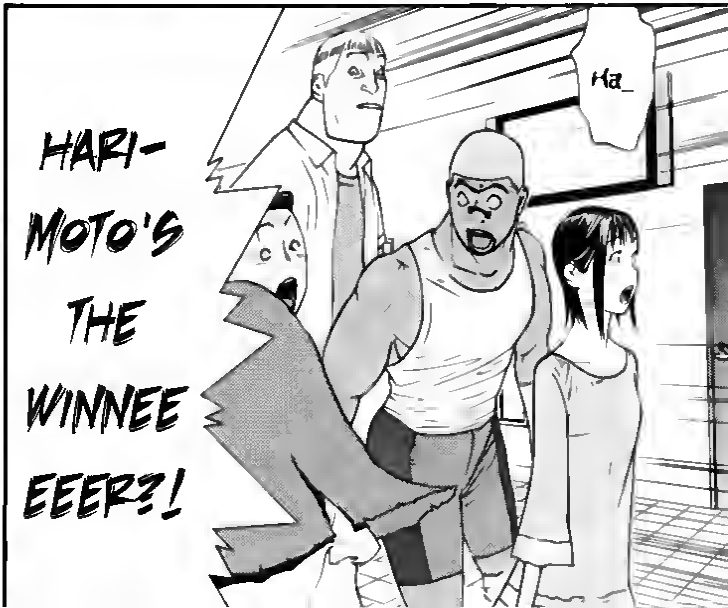
Shimoharada Osamu	1 gold coin
Harimoto Takashi	2 gold coins

2 bidders in total

Lot A winner:

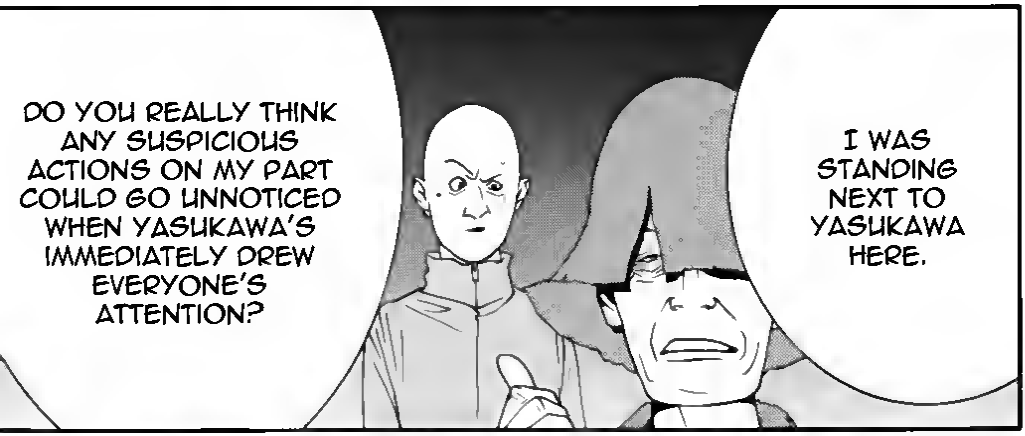
Harimoto Takashi

SFX: DON - TA-DA!



I DIDN'T SO MUCH AS TOUCH THE SCREEN OF MY TABLET.
THAT MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT CALMLY.
I'M NOT LYING.
YOU'RE LYING! JUST ADMIT IT!!!


DO YOU REALLY THINK ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS ON MY PART COULD GO UNNOTICED WHEN YASUKAWA'S IMMEDIATELY DREW EVERYONE'S ATTENTION?
I WAS STANDING NEXT TO YASUKAWA HERE.

I THINK I'VE GOT A GUESS
HM
THEN HOW..?

I'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM THE WHOLE TIME, AND HE REALLY WAS JUST STANDING STILL, DOING NOTHING
SEE?
TRUE, THAT

I POSSESS AN EXCEP-TIONALLY STRONG "SPIRIT".
MAYBE IT WAS MY POWERFUL "SPIRIT" THAT SOMEHOW MANAGED TO OPERATE MY TABLET?

!!?
HUH?!

SPIRIT...!
...YOU SAY...?

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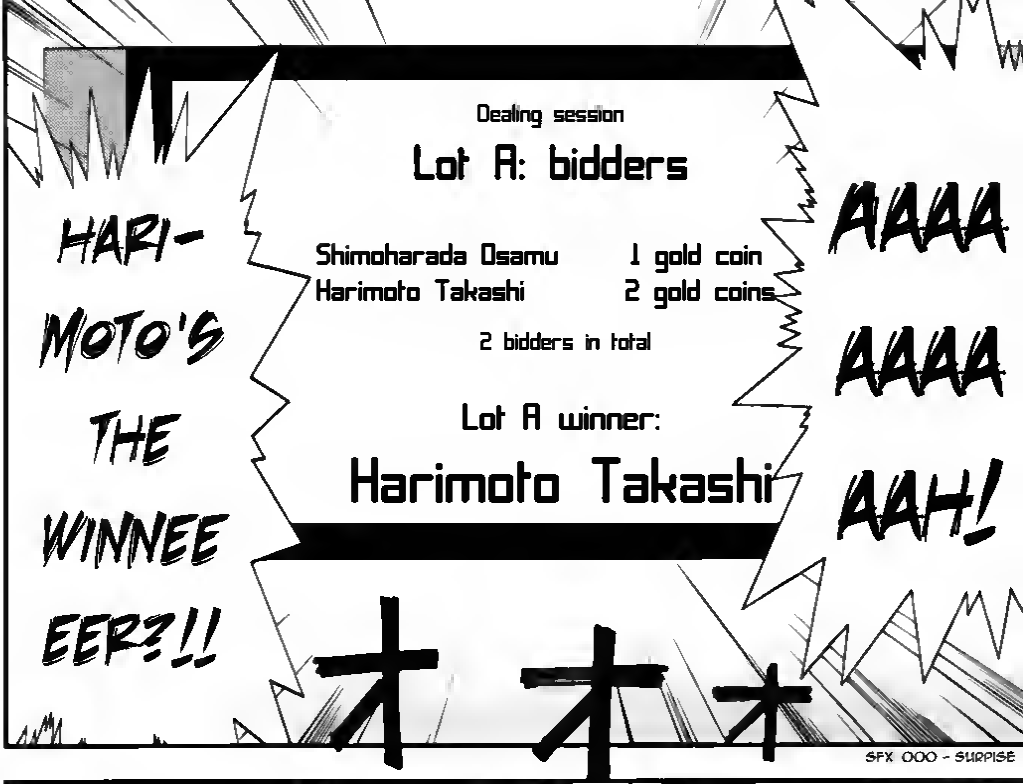
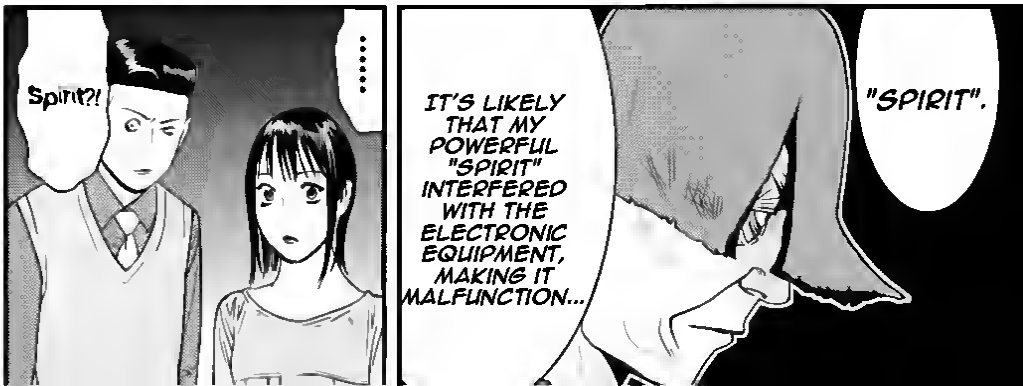
Blasphemy


Dealing session
Lot A: bidders
Shimoharada Osamu 1 gold coin
Harimoto Takashi 2 gold coins
2 bidders in total
Lot A winner:
Harimoto Takashi
HARI-MOTO'S THE WINNEE EER?!!
AAAA AAAA AAH!
オオオ
SFX OOO - SURPISE

I'VE BEEN STANDING NEXT TO YASUKAWA THE WHOLE TIME. IF I HAD TRIED SOMETHING, ALL OF YOU WOULD'VE NOTICED IT IMMEDIATELY.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
NO IDEA.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS, HUH, BASTARD?!

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, ONLY ONE GUESS COMES TO MIND.
Then how_?
TRUE...


Spirit?!
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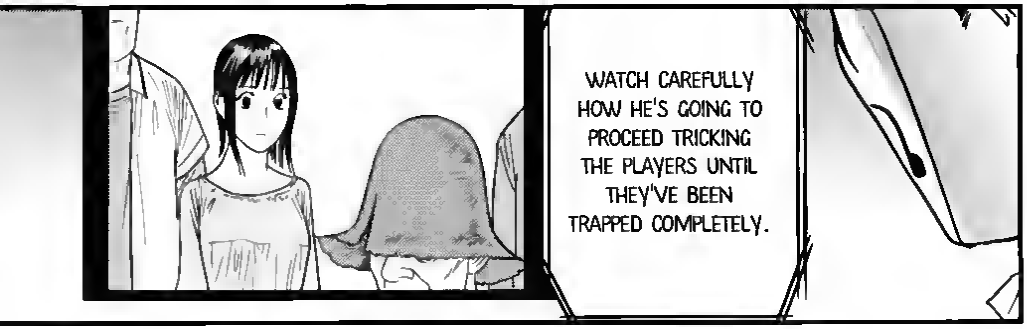
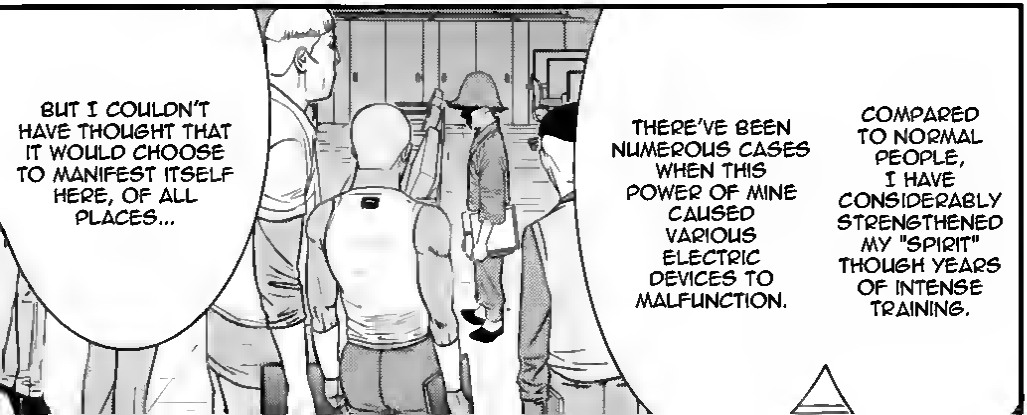
IT'S LIKELY THAT MY POWERFUL "SPIRIT" INTERFERED WITH THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, MAKING IT MALFUNCTION...
"SPIRIT".

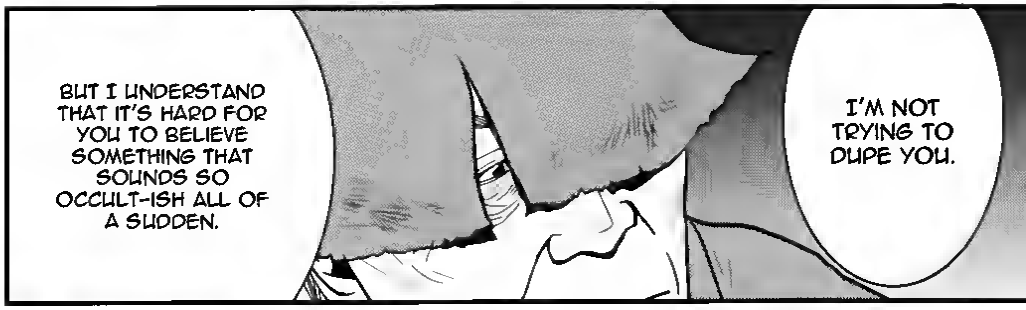
KUKUKU. THERE'S NO WAY HE DOES, NOW IS THERE.
DOES HARIMOTO REALLY POSSESS SPIRITUAL POWERS?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

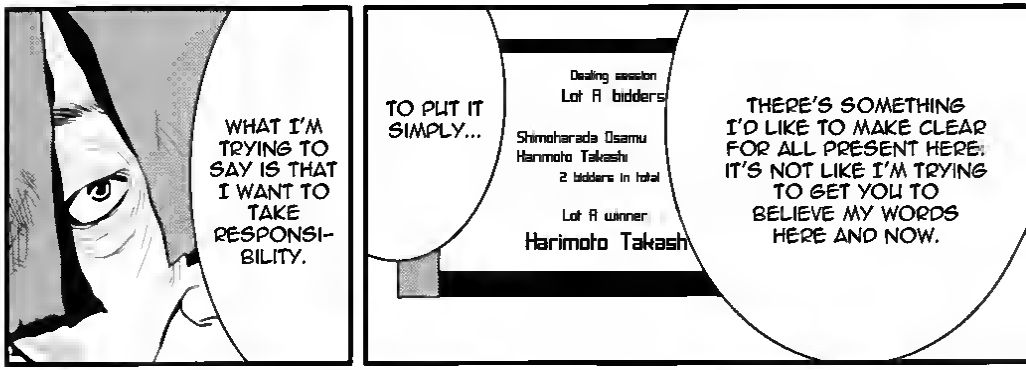
KU KU KU.
THIS IS THE GRAND 'TRAP' SAMUE AND HIS FOLLOWERS SET.

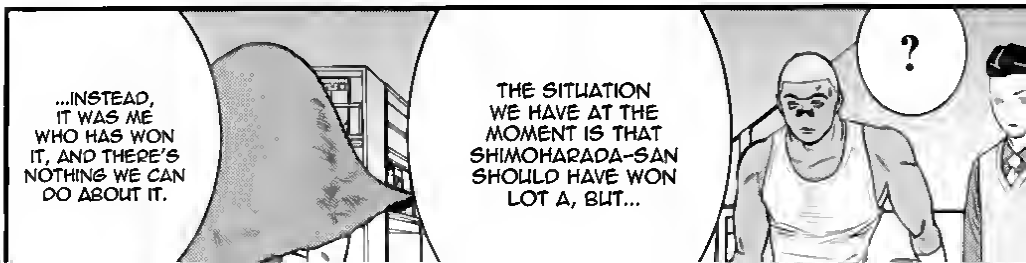

WATCH CAREFULLY HOW HE'S GOING TO PROCEED TRICKING THE PLAYERS UNTIL THEY'VE BEEN TRAPPED COMPLETELY.


BUT I COULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD CHOOSE TO MANIFEST ITSELF HERE, OF ALL PLACES...
THERE'VE BEEN NUMEROUS CASES WHEN THIS POWER OF MINE CAUSED VARIOUS ELECTRIC DEVICES TO MALFUNCTION.
COMPARED TO NORMAL PEOPLE, I HAVE CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED MY "SPIRIT" THOUGH YEARS OF INTENSE TRAINING.

ENOUGH OF YOUR CRAP!!! DYOU THINK THERE'S ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THIS BULLSHIT?! THINK YOU CAN DUPE US?!
!


I'M NOT TRYING TO DUPE YOU.
BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO BELIEVE SOMETHING THAT SOUNDS SO OCCULT-ISH ALL OF A SUDDEN.


THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR FOR ALL PRESENT HERE: IT'S NOT LIKE I'M TRYING TO GET YOU TO BELIEVE MY WORDS HERE AND NOW.
Dealing session
Lot A bidders
Shimoharada Osamu
Hanmoto Takashi
2 bidders in total
Lot A winner
Harimoto Takashi
TO PUT IT SIMPLY...
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I WANT TO TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY.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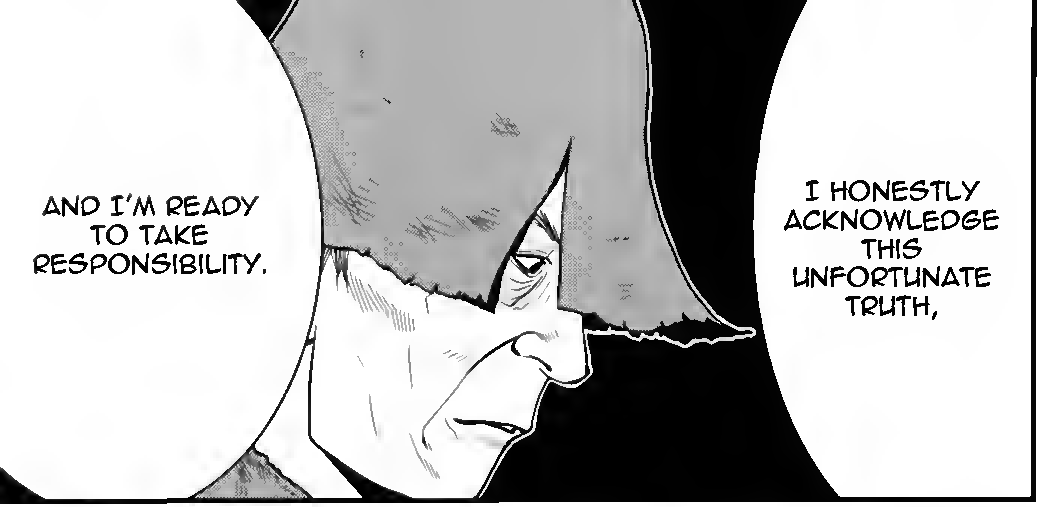
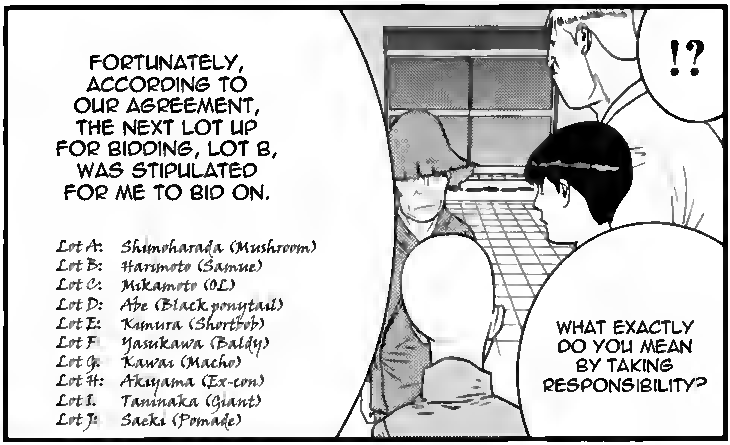
THE SITUATION WE HAVE AT THE MOMENT IS THAT SHIMOHARADA-SAN SHOULD HAVE WON LOT A, BUT...
...INSTEAD, IT WAS ME WHO HAS WON IT, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.


I HONESTLY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS UNFORTUNATE TRUTH,
AND I'M READY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

I'D LIKE TO TRANSFER MY BIDDING RIGHT FOR THAT LOT TO YOU, SHIMAHARADA-SAN

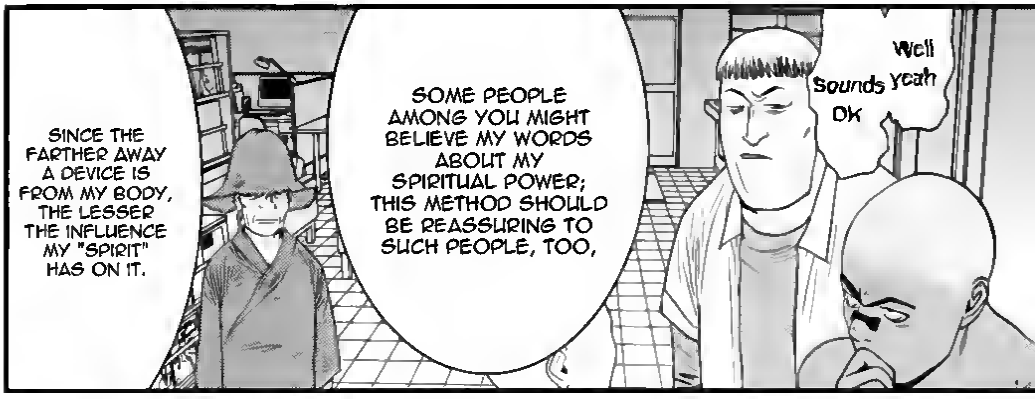

FORTUNATELY, ACCORDING TO OUR AGREEMENT, THE NEXT LOT UP FOR BIDDING, LOT B, WAS STIPULATED FOR ME TO BID ON.
Lot A: Shimoharada (Mushroom)
Lot B: Haramoto (Samue)
Lot C: Mikamoto (OL)
Lot D: Abe (Black ponytail)
Lot E: Kimura (Shorthob)
Lot F: Yasukawa (Baldy)
Lot G: Kawai (Macho)
Lot H: Akuyama (Ex-con)
Lot I. Taninaka (Giant)
Lot J: Saeki (Pomade)
!?
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN BY TAKING RESPONSIBILITY?

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS HELLBENT ON GETTING LOT A SPECIFICALLY, ANYWAY.
YEAH, I GUESS
YOU MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO AGREE BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE LOT YOU HOPED TO GET, BUT I BELIEVE HAVING ANY LOT IS BETTER THAN HAVING NO LOT AT ALL.

I WILL MAKE SURE IT WON'T
NO, THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
EH?!
HE SAYS HE'S GIVING LOT B TO YOU, AND THEN HE'LL JUST OUTBID YOU AGAIN THE SAME WAY HE DID WITH LOT A!
WAIT, WAIT! MUSHROOM, DON'T LET HIM DUPE YOU MAN!

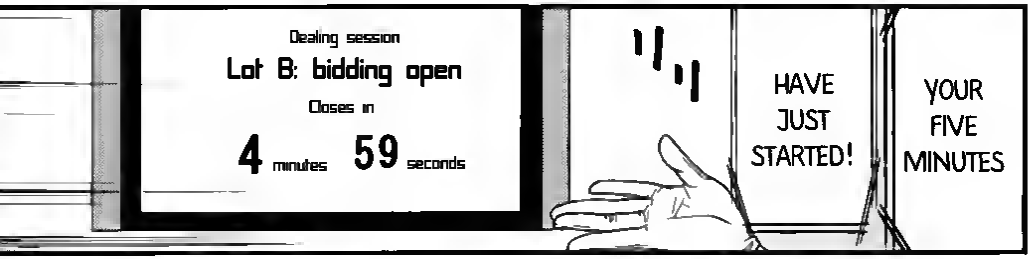
!!
...BY GETTING HER TO HOLD ONTO MY TABLET FOR ME FOR THE TIME BEING.

BUT NOW I'LL BE EMPTY-HANDED AND HAVE NO PHYSICAL MEANS TO OPERATE MY TABLET. THAT SHOULD REASSURE YOU, RIGHT?
MOST OF YOU SUSPECT THAT I USED MY TABLET SECRETLY, RIGHT?


SINCE THE FARTHER AWAY A DEVICE IS FROM MY BODY, THE LESSER THE INFLUENCE MY "SPIRIT" HAS ON IT.
SOME PEOPLE AMONG YOU MIGHT BELIEVE MY WORDS ABOUT MY SPIRITUAL POWER; THIS METHOD SHOULD BE REASSURING TO SUCH PEOPLE, TOO,
Sounds OK
Well yeah

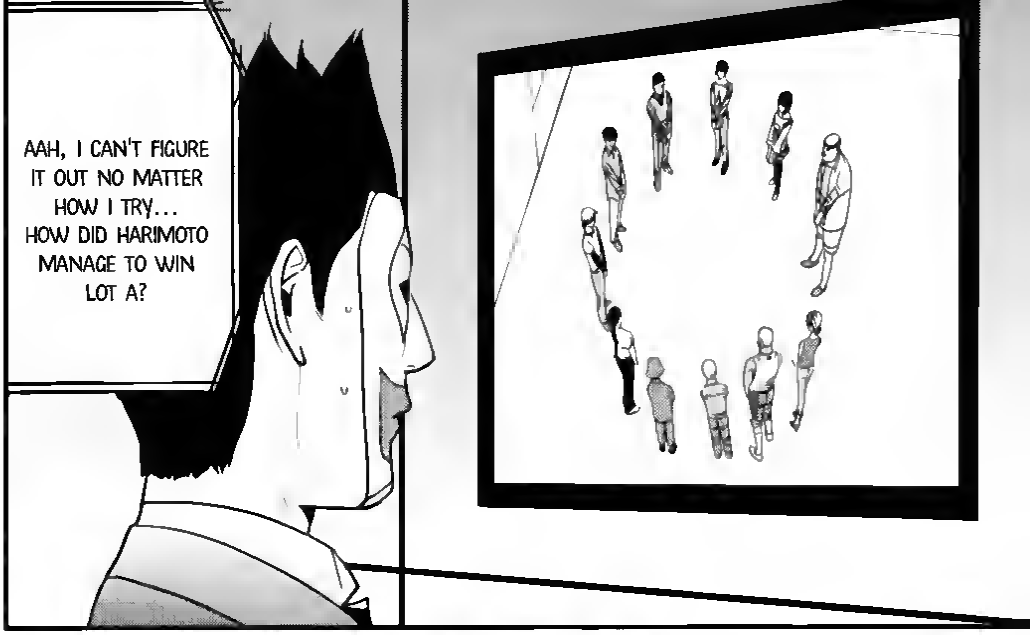
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING
HM.
I THINK THIS IS THE BEST METHOD THERE IS UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES
THIS WAY I WILL HAVE NO MEANS, PHYSICAL OR SPIRITUAL, TO WIN LOT B.

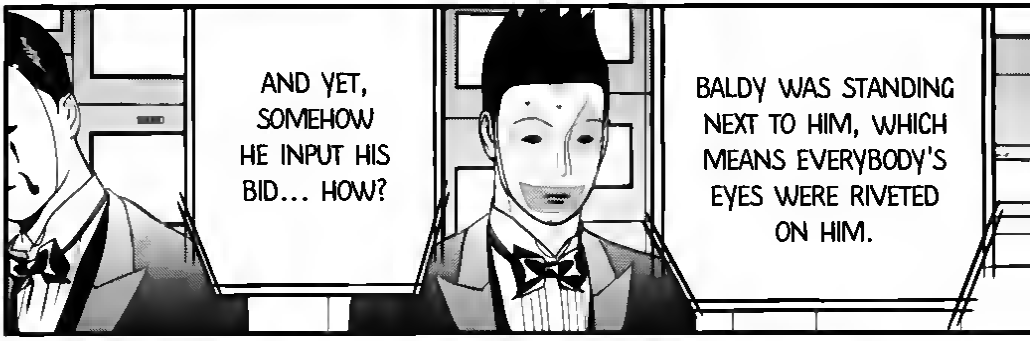
SFX: JIRIRI - RING RING



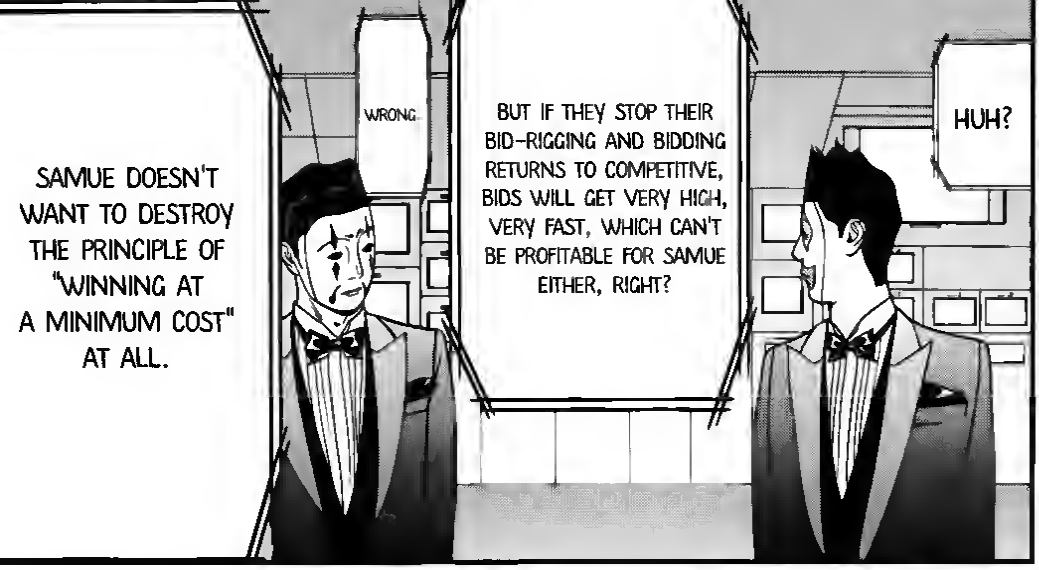
AFTER ALL, EVEN HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MEDDLE WITH BIDDING WITHOUT HIS TABLET.
WHY NOT GO WITH WHAT HARIMOTO SUGGESTED?
BIDS ARE ALREADY BEING ACCEPTED... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THEN, EVERYBODY, PLEASE STAND IN A CIRCLE LIKE WE DID PREVIOUSLY.
ALRIGHT! LET'S JUST DO IT THIS WAY!
IN THE END, LOT A AND LOT B WILL JUST SWITCH HANDS, AND THE REST OF US WON'T BE AFFECTED.

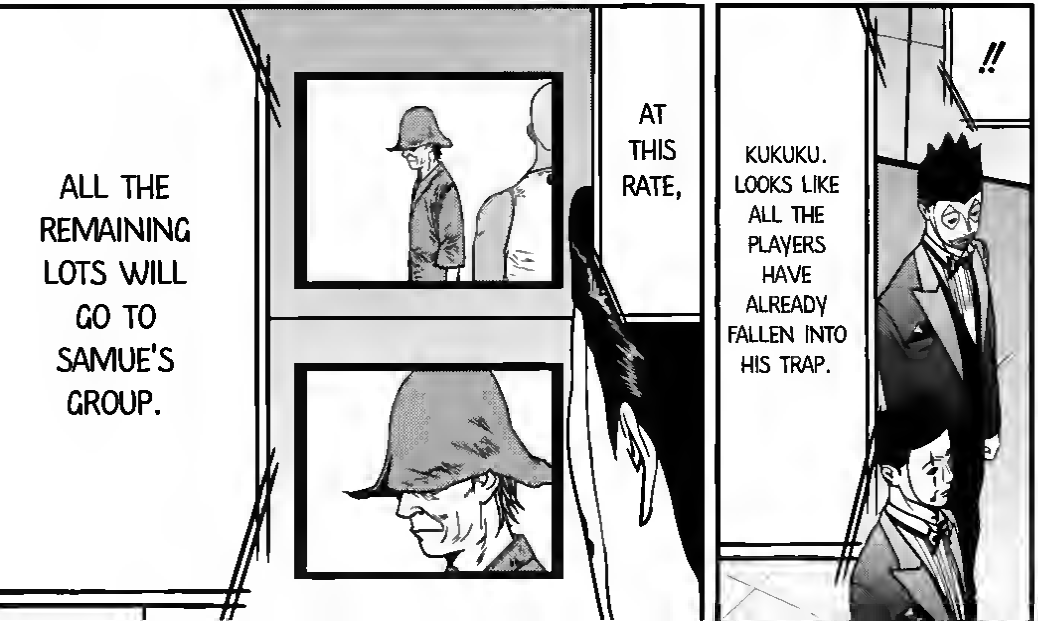

AAH, I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT NO MATTER HOW I TRY... HOW DID HARIMOTO MANAGE TO WIN LOT A?


AND YET, SOMEHOW HE INPUT HIS BID... HOW?
BALDY WAS STANDING NEXT TO HIM, WHICH MEANS EVERYBODY'S EYES WERE RIVETED ON HIM.

TO RUIN THE PLAN THAT KANZAKI SUGGESTED WHERE EVERYONE GETS ONE LOT PER PLAYER.
I'LL EXPLAIN THE TRICK IN DETAILS LATER, BUT FOR NOW JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT AT THE MOMENT SAMUE HAS ONLY ONE GOAL.
BUT OF COURSE
SO THERE IS A TRICK THEN?
MAYBE IT WAS REALLY HIS SPIRIT AT WORK...?
HUH? FORGET ABOUT SPIRIT, NO SUCH THING HERE, I ASSURE YOU.


SAMUE DOESN'T WANT TO DESTROY THE PRINCIPLE OF "WINNING AT A MINIMUM COST" AT ALL.
WRONG.
BUT IF THEY STOP THEIR BID-RIGGING AND BIDDING RETURNS TO COMPETITIVE, BIDS WILL GET VERY HIGH, VERY FAST, WHICH CAN'T BE PROFITABLE FOR SAMUE EITHER, RIGHT?
HUH?

...FOR HIS GROUP TO TAKE EVERY LOT.
HE JUST PLANS ...


ALL THE REMAINING LOTS WILL GO TO SAMUE'S GROUP.
AT THIS RATE,
KUKUKU. LOOKS LIKE ALL THE PLAYERS HAVE ALREADY FALLEN INTO HIS TRAP.
!!

SHIMOHARADA-SAN, SINCE YOU COULDN'T WIN THE PREVIOUS LOT, YOU CAN USE YOUR TABLET NOW TO BID ON THIS ONE.
WELL THEN,

EVERYBODY ELSE, PLEASE STAND ABSOLUTELY STILL, ALRIGHT?
OK.

WAIT A SEC HERE!
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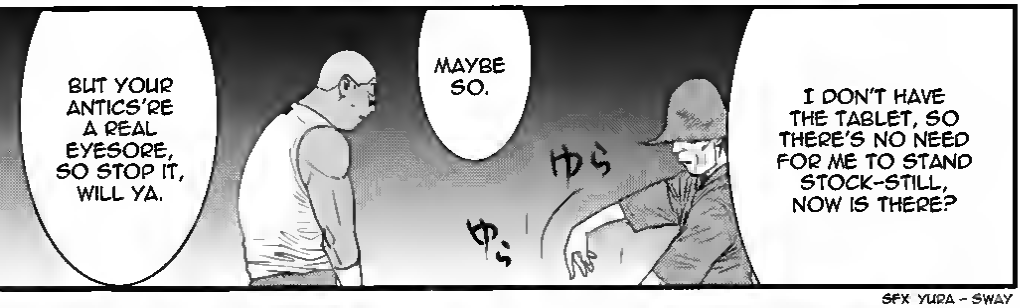
I DON'T HAVE THE TABLET, SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO STAND STOCK-STILL, NOW IS THERE?
MAYBE SO.
BUT YOUR ANTICS'RE A REAL EYESORE, SO STOP IT, WILL YA.
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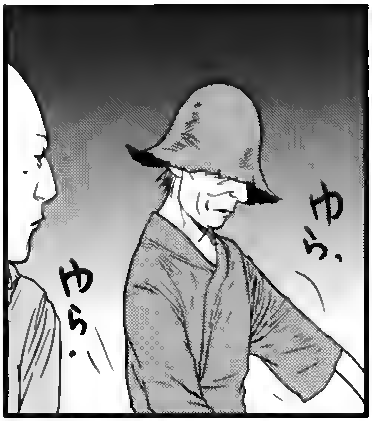
SFX YURA – SWAY

I WOULD LIKE TO, BUT— MY "SPIRIT" IS RESTLESS RIGHT NOW AND EMANAT-ING FROM ME QUITE POWER-FULLY—
IF I DON'T EXERCISE LIKE THIS, I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTAIN THESE EMANATIONS TO MY IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS, AND THEY MIGHT EVEN REACH MY TABLET—
THIS IS BAD .
THEY WILL REACH NOTHING, OLD MAN!!!



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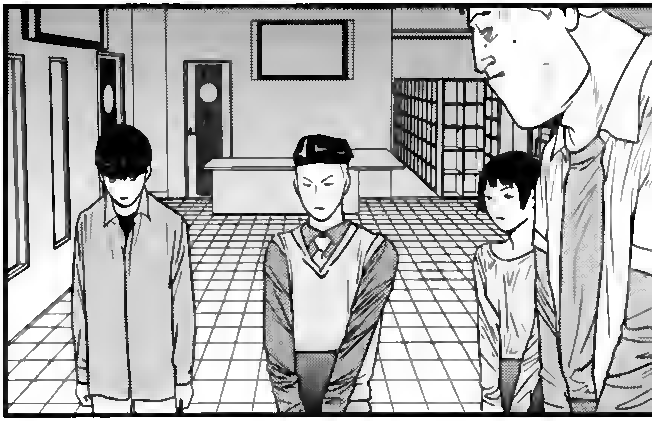

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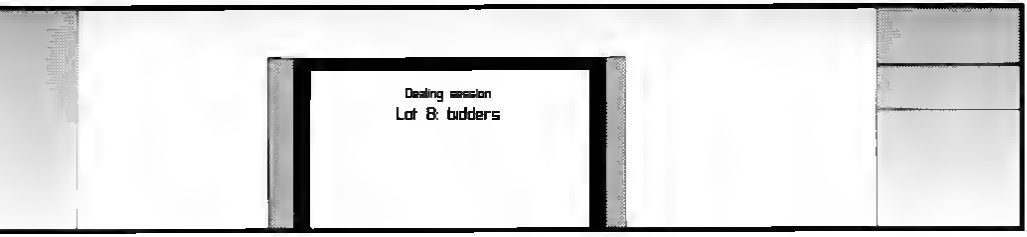
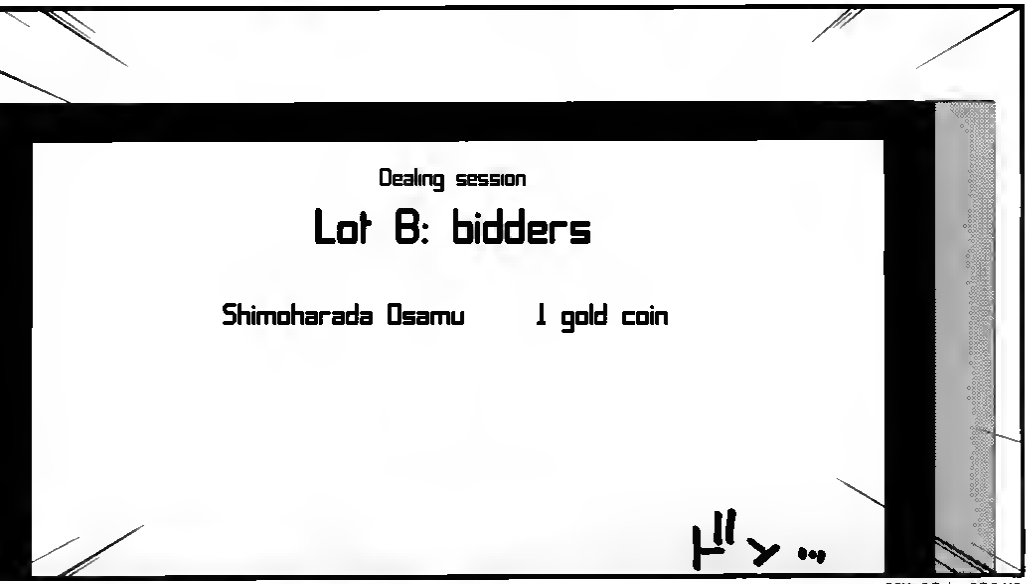
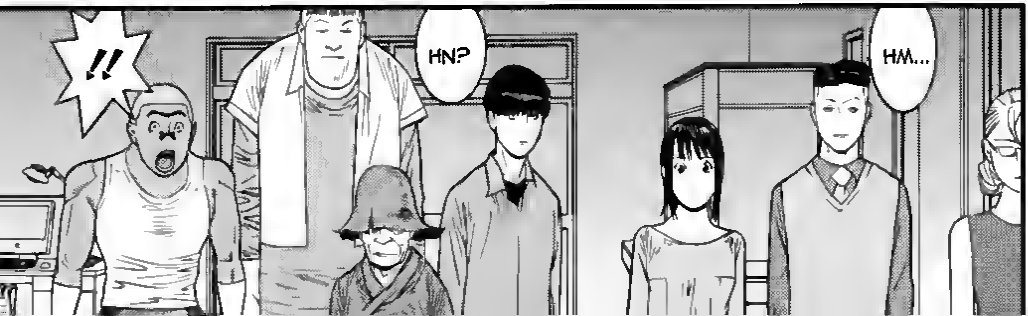




SFX DON - POP UP



Dealing session

Lot B: bidders

Shimoharada Osamu	1 gold coin
Harimoto Takashi	2 gold coins

SFX: DON – TA-DA!

NOW I'M SURE IT WAS DEFINITELY MY "SPIRIT"'S DOING.
TURNS OUT THE EMANATIONS WERE TOO STRONG TO CONTAIN
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. I WAS UNDER YOUR WATCHFUL EYES THIS WHOLE TIME, YOU KNOW
BASTARD!!! WHEN'D YOU HAVE THE CHANCE?!

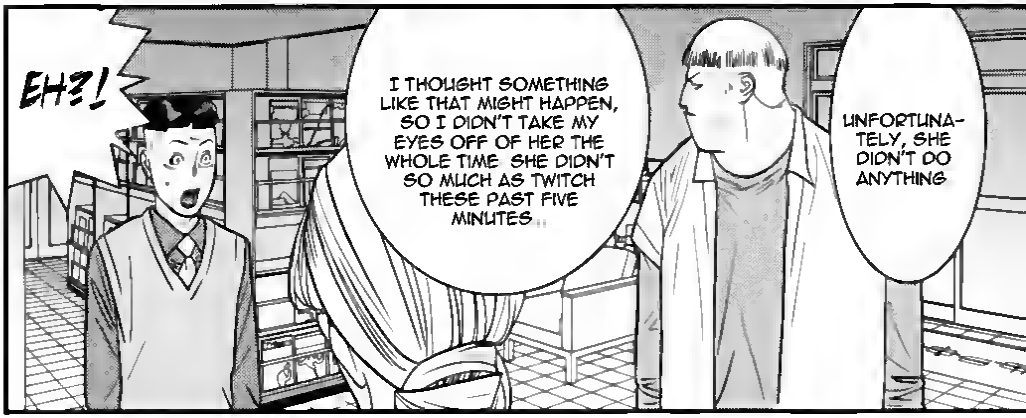
HARIMOTO MANAGED TO BID AGAIN!!!
AAAAH!!! AGAIN!!!

KU KU KU.
YOU'RE TORTURING ME HERE! EXPLAIN THE TRICK TO ME, PLEASE!
WHY THIS KEEPS HAPPENING?

I'M REALLY SORRY I TRIED MY BEST TO STOP THE EMANATIONS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I FAILED.
AH, HOW TROUBLESOME I HONESTLY DIDN'T EXPECT MY "SPIRIT" TO BE THIS POWERFUL.

AH! I KNOW HOW HE DID IT!
MNN... I DUNNO ANY-MORE...
Was it really "spirit" you think?
Shut_

!!
SHE DID SOMETHING WITH THE TABLET SAMUE GAVE HER!!!
IT'S HER!


EH?!
I THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN, SO I DIDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF HER THE WHOLE TIME SHE DIDN'T SO MUCH AS TWITCH THESE PAST FIVE MINUTES...
UNFORTUNATELY, SHE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING

KU KU KU.
Geez. I don't know I really don't know man
So it's really that "spirit" thing_?
How could it be _?

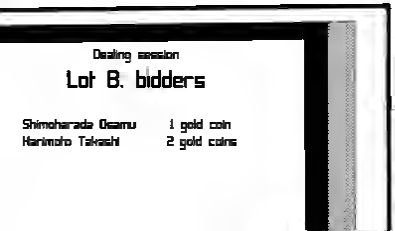
GULLIBLE FOOLS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! I BELIEVE YOU ARE JUMPING TO HASTY CONCLUSIONS

!!
!!
QUIET PLEASE!
QUIET!

PLEASE KEEP WATCHING THE FRONT MONITOR.
!?

!?
THE BIDDER ANNOUNCE-MENT IS NOT OVER YET.
!?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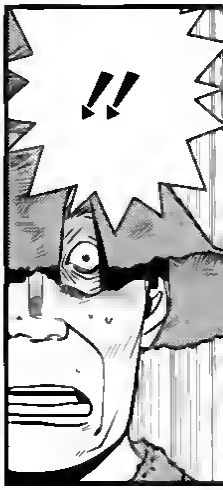
Shimoharada Osamu	1 gold coin
Harimoto Takashi	2 gold coins
Akiyama Shin'ichi	3 gold coins

3 bidders in total

Lot B winner:

Akiyama Shin'ichi

SFX: DON - TA-DA



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CHAPTER 7
HOW I LOST A MANGA CONTEST YET AGAIN..

Kaitani Shinobu 甲斐谷忍

THE STORY SO FAR

Kaitani Shinobu, a salaryman, applied to take part in the Shogakukan Spirits award contest with his one-shot that could even be call his supreme masterpiece.

In the publishing world, it's common practice that the editorial department contacts the mangaka 2 weeks before the winner announcement in the magazine.

However, the day the magazine went on sale had come but Kaitani Shinobu had yet to receive a word from the magazine staff...

HE WAS SO DEPRESSED THAT HE BELIEVED HE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO RECOVER FROM THAT LOSS EVER AGAIN.. BUT, A FEW HOURS LATER, A THOUGHT DAWNED ON HIM.

I hate 'Spirits'... I won't read it ever again.

DEJECTED

SINCE HE WAS VERY CONFIDENT IN HIS WORK, THIS DEFEAT WEIGHTED ESPECIALLY HEAVILY ON HIM.

Which means I didn't win anything, huh...

どよーん DEPRESSED

The editorial department simply had no money to give to the winner, so they had a great idea along the lines, 'Let's not choose the winner this time! This way we'll save 1 million yen!' Those evil schemers... Yes, that's definitely it!

Wait, but doesn't that mean all the works' level was too low for them...? No, no, can't be...

Yes, that must be it!

I know! There's probably no winner this time!

Ah, here it is!

The 'Spirits' award winner announcement page...

FLIP ページ

AND SO, KAITANI SHINOBU WENT TO THE NEAREST CONVENIENCE STORE TO READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF 'SPIRITS'.

15TH 'SPIRITS' AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

SORRY! NO WORKS WE CAN DECLARE THE WINNER AND THE RUNER-UP THIS TIME!

Hmh, just like I thought.

BUT... WE HAVE CHOSEN THE BEST WORK! PRIZE: 200 THOUSAND YEN!

But...

ROU (TOKYO)

Huh?!

CRASHING DEFEAT

So they did choose the best work, huh.

HOWEVER, UPON TURNING THE PAGE, KAITANI SHINOBU GOT ASTONISHED.

Well, it's only one work.

No winner, huh. Their editorial department is seriously terrible. They chose only one person to give them a little prize money—

All for the sake of saving their budget.

Just how miserly can those guys get...

THIS TIME WE RECEIVED A LOT OF HIGH LEVEL WORKS, SO...

GAN (TOKYO METROPOLIS)

YAMAKI (CHIBA PREFECTURE)

What?!

6 WORKS GET THE HONORABLE MENTION AWARD: 100 THOUSAND YEN!

1 best work and 6 honorable mention works, huh.

Basically, my work lost to at least 7 other works...

CRASHED

HOWEVER, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, KAITANI SHINOBU SAW SOMETHING REALLY UNEXPECTED.

!!

Please, don't!

Manager! We have a very weird customer on our hands...!!!

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HISSS

I just don't get it!!! If some dipshits won the award and I didn't, I'll tear to pieces every copy of 'Spirits' I can find in this goddamn store!!!

!!
HONORABLE MENTION AWARD: 100 THOUSAND YEN
KAITANI SHINOBU (23) (TOYAMA PREFECTURE)
SUMMARY:
"IS IT BAD TO BE SO STRONG?"
Isn't this... ...my work...?
Eh...?
I did it...!
THUS, KAITANI SHINOBU DID WIN THE 'SPIRITS' HONORABLE MENTION AWARD...
AS HE FOUND OUT AFTER READING THE MAGAZINE

TBC: NEXT TIME, WE FIND OUT WHY NO ONE FROM THE 'SPIRITS' EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT CONTACTED KAITANI SHINOBU.

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